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SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

held at the City of

WINDSOR, ONTARIO

JULY 17th AND 18th, A. D. 1918, A. L. 5918



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Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Toronto, on Saturday, November 17th, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917.

There were present:

M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C.....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, K.C.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Jno. Rowland.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. R. W. Clewlo.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. J. D. Byrnes.....	Grand Chaplain.
(and ably assisted by	
R. W. Bro. Rev. W. L. Armitage)	Past Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. David G. Sturrock.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Bro. James Haywood.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. John Hooper.....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
R. W. Bro. Richard W. Hull.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Bro. Edmund M. Carleton.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. Arthur F. Sprott.....	Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. Robt. B. Magill.....	Asst. Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. Herbert F. E. Kent.....	Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. W. J. A. Carnahan.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. E. W. E. Saunders.....	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. W. H. Stainton.....	
W. Bro. J. Charles Baker.....	
W. Bro. John A. Graham.....	
W. Bro. Richard T. Lewis.....	
W. Bro. Stewart Hughes.....	
R. W. Bro. John Tanner.....	as Grand Tyler.
R. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith.....	carried the Corn.
V. W. Bro. Jno. McKnight.....	carried the Wine.
R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan.....	carried the Oil.
W. Bro. John O'Connor.....	carried the Corinthian Column
W. Bro. Wm. Croft.....	carried the Doric Column.

R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, who had charge of the arrangements, was ably assisted by V. W. Bro. Major Curren.

The two handsome flag poles used on the platform, which was erected for the purpose of laying the corner stone, were donated by R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, and the two beautiful silk flags seen on the poles were presented through R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, from the craft.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at three o'clock p.m. by the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, a procession was formed under the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Supt. of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOUR OF THE GREAT
ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

On the 17th day of November, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917, in the eighth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V.

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the seas,

KING, Defender of the Faith, EMPEROR OF INDIA.

His Excellency the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., P.C., etc., being GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the DOMINION OF CANADA.

His Honour, Lieut.-Colonel SIR JOHN S. HENDRIE, C.V.O., being LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of the PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

The Right Honourable SIR ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN, LL.D., K.C., being PREMIER of the DOMINION OF CANADA.

The Honourable SIR WILLIAM HEARST, K.C., being PREMIER of the PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

The Right Honourable SIR GEORGE FOSTER, K.C.M.G., LL.D., being Member for the Constituency of North Toronto in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honourable WILLIAM DAVID McPHERSON, K.C., being Member for the Constituency of Northwest Toronto in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Bro. WM. H. WARDROPE, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. FREDERICK W. HARCOURT, K.C., being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. CHARLES MURPHY, being District Deputy Grand Master of the Toronto Centre District No. 11 B.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the new Masonic Temple was laid by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Grand Master, assisted by the acting Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the City of Toronto and the surrounding district.

The Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the craftsmen had done their duty. The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed.



Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Village of Richmond, Ontario, on Saturday the twenty-ninth day of June, A.D. 1918, A.L. 5918.

There were present:

M.W.Bro. Wm. H. Wardrope, K.C.....	Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. Wm. Northwood.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. Walter M. Ross.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.Bro. Geo. Fluker.....	Grand Junior Warden.
W.Bro. Rev. Chas. Saddington.....	as Grand Chaplain.
R.W.Bro. C. W. Jeffrey.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W.Bro. A. O. Logan.....	as Grand Secretary.
W.Bro. Rev. A. W. Mackey.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W.Bro. J. A. Cummings.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
R.W.Bro. John C. Scott.....	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W.Bro. Robert Richardson.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W.Bro. M. H. Steele.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
Bro. C. Hall.....	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
W.Bro. J. A. Ross.....	as Grand Organist.
W.Bro. John Gray.....	} as Grand Stewards
W.Bro. B. H. Conley.....	
W.Bro. J. W. Wishart.....	
W.Bro. A. Phillips.....	
W.Bro. J. R. Mills.....	
W.Bro. A. H. Armstrong.....	
W.Bro. R. Hill.....	
W.Bro. J. M. Barclay.....	} as Grand Tylet
W.Bro. John Kerr.....	

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 11 a.m. by the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, a procession was formed under the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOUR OF THE GREAT
ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

On the 29th day of June, A.D. 1918, A.L. 5918, in the ninth year of
the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V.

By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith, EMPEROR OF INDIA.

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G.C.V.O., P.C., being GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the
DOMINION OF CANADA.

His Honour Lieut.-Colonel SIR JOHN S. HENDRIE, C.V.O., being
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of the PROVINCE OF ON-
TARIO.

His Honour SIR ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN, LL.D., K.C., being
PREMIER OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

The Honourable SIR W. H. HEARST, K.C., being PREMIER OF
THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

GEORGE BOYCE, ESQUIRE, being Member for the Constituency
of Carleton County, in the Parliament of the Dominion of
Canada.

ROBERT H. McELROY, ESQUIRE, being Member for the Con-
stituency of Carleton County, in the Legislative Assembly of
the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Bro. WM. H. WARDROPE, K.C., being Grand Master of
the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of
Ontario.

R. W. Bro. FREDERICK W. HARCOURT, K.C., being Deputy
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. ROBERT H. GRANT, being District Deputy Grand
Master of the Ottawa Masonic District No. 16.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the Masonic Hall Building was laid by M. W. Bro. Wm. H.
Wardrope, K. C., Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge
Officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and in-
habitants of the Village of Richmond and the surrounding country.

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R. G. Gunning

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Sixty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Windsor, Ontario, commencing Wednesday, July 17th, A.D. 1918, A.L. 5918.

There were present:

THE GRAND MASTER

M. W. Bro. Wm. H. Wardrope on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt.

R. W. Bro. Wm. O. Adams.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Fluker.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Hy. T. Smith.....	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. John Parsell.....	Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. D. A. Chater.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Geo. H. Berry.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. R. Y. Spurr.....	Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. Jno. Pearson.....	Gr. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. A. Macomb.....	Asst. Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. E. B. Phelps.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. D. E. Russell.....	Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Stewards:

W. Bros. J. Billingham, J. Gorrie, W. T. Bolus and J. Gibson.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. James L. Baird	Erie District.....	No. 1
R. W. Bro. Jos. M. Conway.....	Erie District	No. 1a
R. W. Bro. E. E. Bond.....	St. Clair District.....	No. 2
R. W. Bro. W. H. Dunlop.....	London District.....	No. 3
R. W. Bro. Fred Porterfield.....	South Huron District.....	No. 4
R. W. Bro. H. Hyndman.....	North Huron District.....	No. 5
R. W. Bro. Wm. I. Atkin.....	Wilson District.....	No. 6
R. W. Bro. Geo. DeKleinbans.....	Wellington District.....	No. 7
R. W. Bro. Jos. F. Senn.....	Hamilton District	No. 8
R. W. Bro. John Little.....	Georgian District.....	No. 9
R. W. Bro. Chas. J. Didemus.....	Niagara District.....	No. 10
R. W. Bro. A. B. Rice.....	Toronto West District.....	No. 11
R. W. Bro. Wm. S. Ormiston.....	Toronto East District.....	No. 11a
R. W. Bro. Chas. Murphy.....	Toronto Centre Dist.....	No. 11b

R. W. Bro. Thos. E. Kaiser.....	Ontario District.....	No. 12
R. W. Bro. A. H. Watson.....	Prince Edward District.....	No. 13
R. W. Bro. W. J. Shannon.....	Frontenac District.....	No. 14
R. W. Bro. A. S. Knapp.....	St. Lawrence District.....	No. 15
R. W. Bro. R. H. Grant.....	Ottawa District.....	No. 16
R. W. Bro. A. R. Mills.....	Algoma District.....	No. 17
R. W. Bro. Wm. G. White.....	Nipissing District.....	No. 18
R. W. Bro. M. P. McKay.....	Muskoka District.....	No. 19
R. W. Bro. J. F. Allin.....	Victoria District.....	No. 20
R. W. Bro. F. T. Shaver.....	Eastern District.....	No. 21
R. W. Bro. H. W. Sutcliffe.....	Temiscaming District.....	No. 22
R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Logie.....	Brant District.....	No. 23
R. W. Bro. Jas. A. McDonald.....	Bruce District.....	No. 24
R. W. Bro. John McQuaker.....	Grey District.....	No. 25

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

GRAND LODGE OF

R. W. Bro. A. J. Young.....	Alberta
R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson.....	New Brunswick
R. W. Bro. Thomas Shanks.....	Quebec
R. W. Bro. John Boyd.....	New Zealand
R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May.....	Queensland
M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt.....	South Australia
M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. D. McPherson.....	Victoria
R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan.....	Colorado
R. W. Bro. A. Shaw.....	Illinois
R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden.....	Indiana
M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt.....	Louisiana
M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope.....	Maryland
R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel.....	Minnesota
M. W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson.....	Montana
R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt.....	Nebraska
R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea.....	New Mexico
M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed.....	New York
V. W. Bro. J. F. Reid.....	Rhode Island
R. W. Bro. J. C. Bartram.....	South Carolina
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	South Dakota
R. W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton.....	Texas
R. W. Bro. H. P. Stoneman.....	Utah
M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke.....	Vermont
R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson.....	Washington
R. W. Bro. Henry Rush.....	Wisconsin
R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope.....	Peru

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bros. Sir John M. Gibson, E. T. Malone, J. H. Burritt, A. T. Freed, D. F. Macwatt, Hon. Wm. D. McPherson, S. A. Luke.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters— R. W. Bros. W. J. Drope, F. W. Harcourt, A. Shaw, James Ross, J. B. Nixon, J. A. Macfadden, C. W. Haentschel, G. R. Lloyd, W. M. Logan, J. H. Cowan, B. S. Sheldon, F. A. Latshaw, W. N. Ponton, Geo. S. May, W. H. Wardrope, J. E. Francis, W. N. Gatfield, J. McC. Potts, Wm. Rea, J. A. Messecar, John Sinclair, J. A. C. Anderson, R. R. Hopkins,

H. C. Scully, A. J. Young, J. A. Tancock, R. Healey, Jas. McGregor, S. J. Mallion, Thos. Shanks, R. N. Fraser, John Tanner, A. J. Anderson, W. F. Walters, H. F. Ketcheson, Geo. Tait, J. S. Lovell, R. J. Craig, E. H. Legge, Geo. Naylor, P. A. Somerville, B. Blair, W. J. Douglas, D. W. Collins, J. B. McLean, U. A. Buchner, H. P. Stoneman, G. A. M. Davison, M. J. McPherson, Alex. Cowan, Geo. Sutherland, A. J. Brown, J. S. Shurie, R. E. Cooper, M. W. Shephard, C. H. Ziegler, S. G. Holley, R. G. Hoover, J. R. Fallis, T. McKnight, E. Worth, R. H. Hanes, J. W. Draper, E. Flath, B. W. Zieman, O. D. Casselman, A. C. Hutchison, T. A. Blakely, G. H. Poad, R. W. Brennen, J. A. Mills, D. F. Webster, E. S. Wigle, R. H. Revell, W. J. Loughleen, Wesley Carter, John A. Rowland, P. T. Coupland, Geo. Sutherland.

Past Grand Senior Wardens— R. W. Bros. Thomas Rowe, H. W. Wilson, Geo. Moore, W. H. Line.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—R.W. Bros. John Boyd, John Tanner, J. C. Bartram, H. T. White, Roger Miller, Henry Rush, James G. Cane.

Past Grand Registrars—R.W. Bros. D. Rutherford, W. C. Wilkinson, Henry T. Smith, R. J. Gibson, A. N. Pettitt.

Past Grand Senior Deacons—V.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson.

Past Grand Junior Deacons—V.W. Bro. D. Robertson.

Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies—V.W. Bros. John Pearson, W. J. Hambly.

Past Grand Organist—V.W. Bro. Wm. Reid.

Past Asst. Grand Secretaries—V.W. Bros. A. Maccoomb, G. B. Perry.

Past Asst. Grand Directors of Ceremonies—V.W. Bros. H. Hyndman, J. R. Livingston, A. J. Brown, A. G. Horwood, M. P. McMaster, Jos. Hall, R. S. Thompson.

Past Grand Superintendent of Works—V.W. Bro. Frank Saunders.

Past Grand Sword Bearers—V.W. Bros. Robt. Pye, A. R. Walker, W. S. McKay.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—V.W. Bros. John Parsell, J. S. Moorcraft, J. J. Wilson.

Past Grand Stewards—V.W. Bros. N. Shafley, H. F. Ketcheson, J. F. Reid, W. E. Birrell, T. A. Lamon, W. A. Woodiwiss, V. Williamson, J. H. Blackmore, W. G. Mackay, E. J. Voss, F. Patterson, W. J. Sheppard.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE MAYOR OF WINDSOR.

His Worship, Mayor Tuson, was introduced by R. W. Bro. John Pearson, acting D. of C., and eloquently addressed the Grand Master and the members of Grand Lodge as follows:

Gentlemen:

It is a great pleasure indeed to welcome your distinguished body to the City of Windsor.

It is a long time now, sixteen years, since the citizens of this town had the honour of entertaining the Grand Lodge of Canada. In that time, Windsor has grown, we are proud to say, grown in population and influence and prosperity.

We are glad for many reasons that you decided to meet here, coming as you do as representatives from all parts of this fair Province, because we residents of Windsor are now in closer bonds of amity with the south than ever before, and when you visit Windsor you visit a city of a million inhabitants, for in patriotism and in amity of purpose, Windsor and Detroit are one.

We understand that everything which can be done for your accommodation and entertainment has been done, and we want you to feel that the city is yours while you are here, and that you need not hesitate to ask for anything you want.

Most Worshipful Sir and Members of this Grand Lodge, on behalf of the City Council and our citizens I welcome you.

TUSON,

Windsor, Ontario,

Mayor.

July 17, 1918.

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following reply::

Mr. Mayor:

On behalf of the members of the Grand Lodge I sincerely thank you for your official welcome and your generous reception.

We appreciate the feeling of brotherly love which prompted the invitation in the first place, and we value highly the honour which you have bestowed upon us in receiving us within your doors, and showering upon us the manifold kindnesses and courtesies with which we have been met since our arrival.

We recognize your favoured position in such close connection with our American allies, and quite understand your pleasure in being amalgamated, so to speak, with the great city across the river.

Be assured, Mr. Mayor, that we have a full appreciation of the kindness of yourself and your townsmen whom you so worthily represent. The citizens of Windsor are no strangers to us, and while you are proud of them, we know that they are equally proud of you.

FIRST DAY.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10.30 o'clock a.m., and the acting Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the side seats of Grand Lodge of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Wardens and Members of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee on Credentials begs to report as follows:

There are on the register of Grand Lodge, warranted lodges.....	463
Represented at this Communication by regular officers.....	206

Represented by Proxies	94
Represented by Past Masters.....	27
Total number represented.....	327
Total number of names registered.....	825
Having a total of 1,478 votes.	

Your Committee once more desire to make a very emphatic pronouncement upon the continued prevalence of neglect, from various causes, of the lodge secretaries in not entering the names of all Past Masters on the roll in their returns of officers, causing much annoyance and confusion to the brethren attending the annual meeting as delegates.

Fraternally submitted,

W. R. LEDGER,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by W. Bro. W. R. Ledger, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

The following are the names of those present:

No. 3, Ancient St. John's, Kingston. W. Bro. Iva E. Martin, W.M. W. Bros. A. E. Richardson, O. W. Daly, P. Ms.

No. 5, Sussex, Brockville. W. Bro. J. W. Mitchell, W. M. R. W. Bro. A. S. Knapp, P.M.

No. 6, Barton, Hamilton. W. Bro. A. Vila, W.M. M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, W. Bros. F. Johnson, F. W. MacBeth, J. G. Gauld, W. H. Davis, P.Ms.

No. 7, Union, Grimsby. W. Bro. J. H. Gibson, W.M. R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, P.M.

No. 9, Union, Napanee. W. Bro. W. A. Thomson, W. M. R. W. Bros. W. J. Shannon, W. S. Herrington, P.Ms.

No. 10, Norfolk, Simcoe. W. Bro. H. A. Johnson, W. M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Shaw, P.M.

No. 11, Moira, Belleville. W. Bro. J. W. Barlow, W. M. R. W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, P.M.

No. 14, True Britons, Perth. W. Bro. W. T. Hands, W. M. W. Bro. R. E. Hicks, P.M.

No. 15, St. George's, St. Catharines. W. Bro. H. T. Harper, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 16, St. Andrews, Toronto. R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, P.M. and Proxy. R. W. Bros. Geo. Tait, Wm. Rea, Jas. S. Lovell, V. W. Bros. John Pearson, A. Maccoomb. W. Bros. E. Y. Spurr, Wm. Lawrence, A. Graham, J. H. Dunlop, Jas. L. Hughes, Jas. R. Bulmer, E. F. Walker, W. J. Bolus, F. G. Anderson, C. E. Edmonds, W. J. Farmery, G. M. Ritchie, L. J. Clark, L. E. Horning, P.Ms.

No. 17, St. John's, Cobourg. W. Bro. C. R. Gummow, W.M. R. W. Bro. R. J. Craig, P.M.

No. 18, Prince Edward, Picton. W. Bro. S. B. Gearring, W.M.

No. 20, St. John's, London. W. Bro. Thos. Gerry, W. M. R. W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, W. Bros. Rich. Booth, Donald Fraser, Neil McGill, P.Ms.

No. 22, King Solomon's, Toronto. W. Bro. J. C. Bansley, P.M. and Proxy. V. W. Bro. W. J. Hambly, W. Bros. J. McL. Hartley, W. H. Roberts, P.Ms.

No. 23, Richmond, Richmond Hill. V. W. Bro. T. A. Lamon, P.M. and Proxy. R. W. Bro. E. H. Legge, W. Bro. Robt. Shaw, P.Ms.

No. 24, St. Francis, Smith's Falls. W. Bro. Chas. W. McBride, P.M. and Proxy, R. W. Bro. G. W. Fluker, P.M.

No. 25, Ionic, Toronto. R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P.M. and Proxy. W. Bro. J. B. McLeod, P.M.

No. 26, Ontario, Port Hope. W. Bro. F. H. Batty, W. M.

No. 27, Strict Observance, Hamilton. R. W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 29, United, Brighton. W. Bro. E. A. Pickford, W. M.

No. 31, Jerusalem, Bowmanville. V. W. Bro. J. S. Moorcraft, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 33, Maitland, Goderich. W. Bro. R. J. Megaw, W.M.

No. 34, Thistle, Amherstburg. W. Bro. Ross Mickle, W.M. W. Bro. R. A. Patton, P.M.

No. 35, St. John's, Cayuga. W. Bro. A. C. Riley, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 37, King Hiram, Ingersoll. W. Bro. A. T. Lowe, W.M. R. W. Bros. Geo. Naylor, Roger Miller, W. Bro. G. M. McKay, P.Ms.

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No. 515, Reba, Brantford. W. Bro. D. E. Russell, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 517, Hazeldean, Hazeldean. R. W. Bro. R. H. Grant, P.M.

No. 520, Coronati, Toronto. W. Bro. P. J. Lee, W.M. W. Bro. Jos. H. Henry, P.M.

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ADDRESS OF THE CRAFT IN WINDSOR TO THE GRAND MASTER.

The Worshipful Masters of the four Windsor lodges were introduced and presented to Grand Lodge by W. Bro. John Pearson, Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

To the Most Worshipful, Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

On behalf of the Masonic brethren of Windsor, we desire to extend to you a hearty welcome to this the 63rd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. To you, Most Worshipful Sir, we offer our congratulations on your being elected to the highest office in the gift of Grand Lodge. Your record in the past is a sure indication of the dignity and judgment with which you will discharge the duties that may devolve upon you.

It is now sixteen years since you met in this city. During that time Masonry here has made a remarkable growth, for while there were then two lodges with about four hundred members, there are now four lodges with about one thousand five hundred members. We are convinced that the usual custom of holding Grand Lodge meetings in different cities from year to year has a stimulating effect upon the growth of the Order, and while attempts have been made in certain quarters during the past year to overrule the decision of the members of Grand Lodge as to where this Communication should be held, we feel that the benefit that will ensue to the Order in this locality will far outweigh the slight personal inconvenience to which a few of the delegates may be put.

We trust that your deliberations at this meeting will be productive of good results, and that your stay in the city will be pleasant and comfort-

able. We would ask you to take back to your respective lodges the greetings of your brethren of Windsor.

Harry Maw, W.M. Great Western Lodge No. 47.

E. T. Howe, W.M. Windsor Lodge No. 403.

W. J. Beasley, W.M. Rose Lodge No. 500.

W. T. Turner, W.M. Ontario Lodge No. 521.

The M.W. the Grand Master replied as follows:

To the Masonic Brethren of Windsor:

Wor. Brethren:

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, I thank you and the brethren of your several lodges for your address of congratulation and welcome. I am sure that the brethren of Grand Lodge will enjoy themselves very fully in Windsor. The courtesy and attention that the members of the Board of General Purposes have already received are an evidence of what the other brethren of Grand Lodge may expect.

Your very kindly references to me personally I appreciate.

The brethren of Grand Lodge have, I am sure, already noted with great pleasure the growth of Masonry in Windsor since Grand Lodge last met here sixteen years ago. We congratulate you on the large accessions to your members and we pray that while you enjoy material prosperity in your Masonic affairs there will be a corresponding growth of those Masonic virtues which are a blessing to every community in which they are exercised.

I am sure that the brethren in attendance at Grand Lodge will not only take back to their respective lodges the greetings of the brethren of Windsor, but that they will be loud in their praise of your hospitality.

We are looking forward to a most happy stay amongst you. We wish you and all the members of the various lodges you represent peace and

prosperity. We pray that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe may rest abundantly upon all of you.

The acting Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The acting Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of proceedings at the last annual communication, when it was

Moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the Minutes of Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Sixty-second Annual Communication held in the city of Belleville on the 18th and 19th days of July, A. D. 1917, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the constituent lodges, the same be considered as read, and they be now confirmed.

Letters and telegrams of regret were read from M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary; J. B. Way, Geo. H. Smith and V. W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan.

PRESENTATION TO M. W. BRO. S. A. LUKE.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, presented M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke with a Past Grand Master's regalia, in accordance with the decision of the committee appointed at the communication of Grand Lodge in 1917 to arrange for a suitable testimonial to the Grand Master. M. W. Bro. Malone, in making the presentation, laid stress, not only on the ability which had been evidenced by M. W. Bro. Luke in the discharge of the duties of his exalted office, but also on the great esteem in which he was held by the members of Grand Lodge, a sentiment which increased as they learned more of his fine character. He also expressed the wish that Bro. Luke would live for many years, not only to adorn the regalia with which he had been presented, but to give Grand Lodge the benefit of his sound judgment and large business experience.

M. W. Bro. Luke, in accepting the testimonial, thanked Grand Lodge for the good-will which was exhibited towards him, not only in the presentation of the beautiful regalia, but for the kindness and consideration which was extended to him by the members of Grand Lodge while he was engaged in his official duties. He also thanked M. W. Bro. Malone for the kind personal reference to himself, and trusted that he might be able in some measure to show the brethren that he was worthy of the flattering eulogy bestowed upon him.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of Grand Lodge:

Allow me now formally, but not the less sincerely, to thank you for the honour you conferred upon me at our last communication in electing me to the highest office in your gift. It is a position that possesses many prerogatives and is subject to great responsibilities. To be the chief head and ruler of a craft that exercises jurisdiction over the greatest Province in the Dominion of Canada, and that has an enrolled membership of 66,000 souls, is an honour that from force of circumstances few can enjoy, and a responsibility that few desire to assume. Years of training in Grand Lodge prepare one in some measure for the task of guiding for a time the destinies of our great Society, but it is only when the autocratic power of a Grand Master is being really exercised by a modest man that one realises how "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

It is now sixteen years since we last met in Windsor. How the personnel of Grand Lodge has changed in that time! How fleeting are the lives of the members; how immutable the principles on which our Order is based! To the citizens of Windsor we extend the felicitations on the material comforts and advantages they enjoy. To the members of the craft residing here we tender every good wish for themselves and their families. For members of the craft here and all other citizens of Windsor we pray that material prosperity and intellectual attainments will never divert their minds and hearts from the chief end of their creation, which is to improve their faculties to the glory of God and the good of mankind.

This is the sixty-third annual communication of Grand Lodge and the fourth communication since the commencement of the great war. We congratulate ourselves and thank Almighty God that we still enjoy the privilege of gathering to-

gether as freemen as well as Freemasons. We have been taught that "Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace and been always injured in war, bloodshed and confusion." This statement must refer to civil war only, because never in the history of our Grand Lodge has there been a keener desire on the part of the men of our country to seek admission to our ancient and honourable fraternity. Never has there been a more earnest endeavour on the part of members to get more out of the beautiful and moral lessons that are continually presented to them. Never has there been greater anxiety on the part of the brethren to so live as to reflect credit on the craft by fulfilling in every possible way their duty as citizens and obeying as it has been revealed to them, the moral law.

I am convinced that the active part taken by Freemasons as individuals in all matters pertaining to the welfare of our Empire during these spacious days in which we live has so commended the Order to the world at large that men flock to our banners in order to share with us the pleasure of being happy in well doing and thus communicating that happiness to others. Never has it been more evident than during the past four troublous years "that Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love. Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance." Our meetings and the inspiration derived therefrom month after month have enabled us with fresh courage to go out amongst our fellow men and do a man's work, where nothing but a man's work will avail.

It is true the attendance at our lodges has been seriously affected by the voluntary enlistment of many who are nearest and dearest to us. Is there a single person here today whose heart is not heavy with a loss that can never be restored by all the riches that this world contains? The keenest intellects, the largest hearts, the best beloved in our

lodges and our homes have gone forth. Some, never to return! These latter are saying to us:

“In Flanders’ Fields, where poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived—felt dawn—saw sunset glow;
Loved and were loved; and now we lie
In Flanders’ Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch. Be yours to lift it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders’ Fields.”

May our reply to this challenge be worthy of the men of our nation. May neither wealth nor luxury, fear of self-sacrifice, nor death itself, blind us or separate us from that company of immortals that gave up all for God and country. How coarse is wealth! How gross is luxury when it is exposed to the brilliant rays of that sense of devotion that inspired those whose bodies have fallen, but whose spirits go marching on. May admiration of their nobility, love of their courage, fear of their contempt, prompt us to the greatest self-sacrifice, the determination that death itself shall be endured to obtain that victory that awaits only those who put their trust as David of old did, in Almighty God. May we enter upon the duties of Grand Lodge with the hearts of heroes, with the faith of the immortal Son of the Almighty Father sustaining us.

Before proceeding with our business statement, let us, with all reverence, pay our last sad tribute of respect to departed merit, as embodied in the persons and spirits of:

Most Wor. Bro. John Ross Robertson, of Toronto.

Most Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, of Baltimore.

Most Wor. Bro. William H. Whyte, of Montreal.

Most Wor. Bro. John McKechnie, of Winnipeg.

Most Wor. Bro. George Wellington Baker, of Winnipeg.

Most Wor. Bro. John Ross Robertson was an outstanding figure in the life of our country. A man of indomitable will and great intellectual power, he was the proprietor and moving spirit of a great daily paper, an indefatigable collector of pictures and relics relating to the Province of Ontario, more especially pertaining to Toronto, a persistent student of and writer on Freemasonry and a philanthropist of great note. As a citizen of Toronto he will be greatly missed, as a Mason his loss is almost irreparable. As a lover of and worker for children he was without a peer. He will be mourned by all classes of the people; but it is the small, the weak, and the maimed upon whom the blow will fall the heaviest. God grant that a worthy successor may come to the rescue of the little children.

Most Wor. Bro. Thos. J. Shryock was for thirty-three years the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. His length of service is the greatest eulogy that can be pronounced as to the estimation in which he was held by his brethren. One's sympathy goes out to those who honoured themselves by re-electing so many times the dean of all Grand Masters.

Most Wor. Bro. William Whyte was the respected and beloved Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. With our brethren of that Province we condole over their great and unexpected loss.

The brethren of Manitoba have suffered an affliction by the deaths of Most Wor. Bros. John McKechnie and George Wellington Baker, two of their Past Grand Masters. We unite with them in their sorrow.

A great many brethren have passed away during the twelve months just gone by. To their relatives and friends we offer the sincere sympathy

born of the same experiences through which all mourners have travelled. May the great God and Father of us all teach us not to sorrow as those who have no hope.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Vacancies having occurred in our Representatives list, I have made the following nominations for the several jurisdictions concerned:

M. W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson, K.C.M.G., Hamilton, for the United Grand Lodge of England.

R. W. Bro. Lyman Lee, Hamilton, for the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

R. W. Bro. Fred. Symes, Fort William, for the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Hamilton, for the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

On the recommendation of their Grand Masters the following have been commissioned to represent this Grand Lodge at their respective Grand Lodges:

V. W. Bro. Fred. Holland, for Queensland, and W. Bro. Hugh B. Davis, for Kansas.

R. W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed, Newark, Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

R. W. Bro. Rev. M. Williams, Adelaide, Grand Lodge of South Australia.

JURISDICTIONAL COURTESIES.

I am glad to have this opportunity of acknowledging favours granted me by the Grand Masters of England, Alberta, New Brunswick, Quebec, Saskatchewan, California, Kansas, Michigan, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Alabama, Indiana, New Jersey, New York and Ohio, who have permitted degrees to be conferred by lodges in their jurisdictions on members of lodges in Canada.

On our part, too, permission was willingly given to various lodges of this jurisdiction to confer degrees on brethren from other jurisdictions.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

For the year ending May 31st, 1918, our receipts on General Account exceeded those of the previous year by \$19,653.26, a great amount of which increase is accounted for by the additional revenue from the higher dues required by Grand Lodge.

For the year ending May 31st, 1917 our receipts from lodges and interest on investments were.....\$65,799.72

For the year ending May 31st, 1918, our similar receipts were..... 85,452.98

Showing a gain for 1918 of..... \$19,653.26

Our expenditure for ordinary purposes in 1917 was..... \$19,944.70

Our expenditure for ordinary purposes in 1918 was..... 24,680.13

An increase for the last year of..... \$ 4,735.43

The greater part of this increase in expenditure is accounted for by the advanced cost of certificates and printing, the issue of the Musical Ritual, the new fittings of the vault in the Grand Secretary's office, and a special grant of \$2,000 to the Halifax Relief Fund. Our cash balance in the bank, May 31st, 1917, was\$ 4,335.54

Our receipts for the year from lodges and interest are..... 85,452.98

Debentures matured..... 2,648.32

Total.....\$92,436.84

Which are distributed as follows:

Ordinary expenditure on General Account.....\$24,680.13

Grants for Benevolence from General Ac. 34,095.00

Invested in Debentures..... 24,083.10

Cash in Bank, May 31st, 1918..... 9,578.61

Total.....\$92,436.84

BENEVOLENCE.

Expended in Benevolent Grants, 1917.....	\$36,485.00
Expended in Benevolent Grants, 1918.....	38,705.00
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An increase for the year of.....	\$ 2,220.00
To the Semi-Centennial Fund has been contributed.....	\$184.00

ASSETS.

General Fund at 31st May, 1918.....	\$141,169.61
Semi-Centennial Fund at 31st May, 1918	107,877.36
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Our total Assets being.....	\$249,046.97

MEMBERSHIP.

Our membership May 31st, 1917 was 63,477.
 Our membership May 31st, 1918, was 66,070.

LODGES.

We have now on our register four hundred and fifty-nine (459) lodges, of which number four hundred and fifty-three (453) are regularly warranted and six are under dispensation. Two of these six, Kitchener Lodge of Port McNicoll and Waterloo Lodge of Waterloo, have had their dispensations continued from 1917; and I have granted dispensations for four new lodges: Abitibi, of Iroquois Falls; Metropolitan, of Toronto; Tuscan, of Toronto; Imperial, of Toronto.

WARRANTS.

In compliance with the resolution of Grand Lodge at the last annual communication, warrants have been issued to: Englehart Lodge No. 534, Englehart; Phoenix Lodge No. 535, Fonthill; Algonquin Lodge No. 536, Copper Cliff; Ulster Lodge No. 537, Toronto.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following special communications of Grand Lodge were held for the purpose of consecrating and dedicating lodge rooms: Sept. 18, Algonquin 536, Copper Cliff, by R. W. Bro. W. G. White, D.D.G.M.;

Sept. 24, Englehart 534, Englehart, by R. W. Bro. H. W. Sutcliffe, D.D.G.M.

Oct. 1, Phoenix 535, Fonthill, by R. W. Bro. C. J. Didemus, D.D.G.M.

Oct. 11, Connaught 501, Mimico, by R. W. Bro. A. B. Rice, D.D.G.M.

Oct. 23, Naphtali 413, Tilbury, by R. W. Bro. J. L. Baird, D.D.G.M.

Oct. 29, Ulster 537, Toronto, by R. W. Bro. A. B. Rice, D.D.G.M.

Feb. 14, Dyment 442, Thessalon, by R. W. Bro. W. G. White, D.D.G.M.

June 14, Seven Star 285, Alliston, by R. W. Bro. Jno. Little, D.D.G.M.

June 20, Dufferin 291, West Flamboro', by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Two especial communications of Grand Lodge were held for the purpose of laying corner stones, at both of which I officiated.

BY-LAWS.

I have confirmed the by-laws of thirteen lodges and have approved of amendments for seventy-nine others. Many of these amendments were to increase the members' annual dues, made necessary by the advance in the per capita tax of Grand Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations to the number of five hundred and ninety-three (593) have been issued during the year (to the end of June) of which about two

hundred and thirty (230) were for the purpose of giving permission to confer degrees within the prescribed constitutional time limit upon men enlisted for overseas. More than a hundred were to allow lodges to attend Divine Service and almost all the rest were to permit lodges to hold special meetings.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS.

Many questions have been asked and I have made many rulings, although in not a few cases the question and ruling would have been unnecessary had the applicant for information been more familiar with the Book of Constitution. I append in detail the decisions which I have rendered during the past year:

1. Two members of a committee report favourably upon a petition; the third member of the committee does not report but is unfavourable. Ruled that the report is favourable.

2. A petition from an unnaturalized Austrian must go to the ballot.

3. Candidates cannot receive degrees at a lodge of instruction.

4. A lodge cannot pass a by-law to depose an inefficient officer or one who does not attend regularly.

5. Residence of a law-student, unmarried, who is studying away from home, is where his parents reside.

6. According to the by-laws of a lodge, a petition had to be referred to a committee appointed by the W. M.; the by-laws of the lodge also provided for the reference of petitions to the Committee of General Purposes. As there might be a conflict of opinion between the two, I decided that if the committee appointed by the W. M. should report favourably, ballot must be taken at once. The by-laws must be amended to correspond.

7. A candidate, married, lived with wife outside this jurisdiction for one year and then returned.

He is not eligible for initiation except by dispensation.

8. An ante-room of a lodge cannot be used for a club room.

9. Elective officers may not be invested by proxy.

10. A Warden who has been absent from his office for twelve months is not eligible for advancement.

11. A W. M. cannot entertain a motion to reconsider the ballot after the result has been declared.

12. The word "Masonic" in the name "Canadian Masonic Club" is out of place and must not be used.

13. A candidate, physically perfect at initiation, develops subsequent stiffness which prevents him assuming proper position in the ceremonies. I ruled that he might be advanced.

14. A soldier, residing temporarily at Niagara, who before enlisting lived in Northern Ontario, was refused permission to make application in Niagara.

15. A Pole, from the U. S. A., in military service at Niagara, was decided to be ineligible as a candidate.

16. A man who has lost the fingers of the left hand is not eligible.

17. A lodge may meet in the ante-room during the winter, the lodge room being too cold on account of fuel scarcity.

18. Several requests for dispensations to permit candidates to be initiated before having acquired a year's residence were refused.

19. The charges in the Book of Constitution should be given by a W. M. or by a P. M.

20. An amendment to a by-law regarding life membership was passed by the lodge but had not

been approved by the Grand Master. The lodge then passed a resolution that no application for life membership should be received until the amendment was approved. I ruled that the resolution was illegal and inoperative.

21. A by-law providing for four stewards is illegal.

22. The initiation fee does not entitle the brother paying it to the second and third degrees. These are conferred at the discretion of the W. M.

23. A man who has lost first joint of right thumb and also the index finger of the right hand is not eligible.

24. A widower who has a child living at his (the widower's) father's home cannot make application there. He must apply in the city or town where he himself resides.

25. A Chaplain, not being a P. M., should not be invited to the east. No distinguished brother is entitled to a seat in the east, but he is there at the invitation of the W. M.

26. A receipt card in the form of a certificate, that is, which makes statement of the good standing of the recipient, is not permissible. It may be used only as a receipt.

27. It is quite irregular to give to the public press names of brethren who have been initiated, passed and raised.

28. A dimit was applied for and granted but was not issued. The applicant is unaffiliated and will have to apply for affiliation in the regular way.

29. Three degrees were announced in the lodge summons. The first and second were disposed of, after which the W. M. closed the lodge in the second. A candidate for the third then arrived. The W. M. re-opened in the second, examined the candidate, opened in the third and conferred the degree. I ruled that the action of the W. M., while not unconstitutional, was irregular and not to be encouraged.

30. In a case where it was impossible for a candidate to appear within six months for initiation, I could not grant a dispensation to waive the provision of the constitution.

31. An applicant, serving at the front, requested his father to put in a petition in his name to the home lodge here. I ruled that such action would be irregular and not permissible.

32. A notice of motion is necessary to increase the salary of a secretary of a lodge.

33. The jewel of office in private lodges must be worn appended to the collar. The jewel is not to be worn without the collar.

34. A man unable to bend his left leg at the knee is physically disqualified.

35. Absence of a soldier overseas does not affect his residence, except in so far as it may be affected by the arrangements which he may have made for the residence of his wife and family during his absence.

36. I refused request for permission to initiate a candidate who had not yet acquired Masonic residence in this jurisdiction, no good reason being advanced.

37. If a lodge notice does not provide for the second degree, the degree should not be conferred.

38. The by-laws of a lodge provide for the payment of dues quarterly, but do not state "in advance." After each quarter's payment becomes due, twelve months must elapse before the brother can be considered "twelve months in arrears," and he will then have three months more in which to pay up before he can be suspended.

39. No amendment to by-laws is retro-active, but takes effect from the date of approval of such amendment by the Grand Master.

40. The second and third degrees may not be communicated or given in "short form."

41. A man who cannot raise his right arm is physically disqualified.

42. A man, unmarried, employed by a firm in the United States, who was absent in Persia for the past two years was ruled to be ineligible as a candidate.

43. A man who is unable to use his left arm is disqualified.

44. A man suffering from acute heart disease is disqualified.

45. The word "Masonic" may not be used as part of the title of the incorporated Board of Benevolence, composed of representatives from the Masonic lodges.

I regret to hear that a practice has crept in of conferring a degree on more than one candidate at the same time. It has been reported to me that one lodge has conferred the second degree on five candidates at the same time. This is an absolutely wrong practice and must be discontinued. The obligation cannot be properly impressed upon a candidate if he is associated with others.

During my term of office I have paid fifty visits.

The reception to me by my mother lodge—Acacia No. 61, of Hamilton,—was made memorable not only by the perfection of the arrangements, the large attendance of Grand Lodge officers, the kindly references of the brethren to their Grand Master, but by the presentation of a beautiful silver tray which is greatly prized, not only by the recipient but by all the members of his family.

The members of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, Toronto, also took me by surprise by giving me, for Mrs. Wardrope, in honour of my first official visit to Toronto, a handsome Crown Derby tea service and table. Great Western Lodge, Windsor, St. Alban's Lodge, Toronto, and the Lodge of Strict Observance, Hamilton, also honoured me by

mementoes of my visits. To the brethren of all these lodges I express my sincere thanks.

I paid so many visits that I must not burden the pages of the Grand Lodge report with a recital of them. The several District Deputy Grand Masters will refer to them in their messages. Suffice it to say my journeys amongst the brethren were an unalloyed pleasure.

On the 17th day of November, 1917, I had the honour of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at the corner of Yonge and Davenport Streets, Toronto, before a large concourse of people and in the presence of the greatest gathering of Grand Lodge officers it has been my pleasure to witness apart from the annual communication of Grand Lodge. Long may it remain a memorial of the zeal and generosity of our Toronto brethren.

The corner stone of a new temple being erected by the brethren of Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, was laid by me on the twenty-ninth day of June, 1918, before an illustrious assembly of Grand Lodge officers, brethren and citizens, many of whom had travelled a great number of miles to witness the imposing ceremony. Their enthusiasm augurs well for Freemasonry in that locality. Two silver trowels presented to me on these auspicious occasions will be greatly treasured.

St. Paul's Lodge, Montreal, Register of England, requested King Hiram Lodge No. 37, of Ingersoll, to unveil a bust of the late Major J. C. Norsworthy in the family plot in the cemetery of that town. I granted a dispensation for the memorial service and had the honour of unveiling the bust and memorial tablet. At least two thousand people witnessed the ceremony, which took place on Sunday, the twenty-first day of April, 1918. I was glad to accede to the request of St. Paul's Lodge, not only because it was an act of courtesy to the great mother Grand Lodge, but because it gave us an opportunity to impress the duty of patriotism upon the assemblage, and above all, it enabled us to pay tribute to a great son of a

great family. All enlisted. Two made the supreme sacrifice, two others were seriously wounded. We tender our sincere sympathy to the father and at the same time congratulate him on the nobility, courage and devotion to duty of his patriotic sons. May their example inspire us to greater efforts and destroy that spirit of selfishness that holds too many of us in its toils!

Concord prevails. A spirit of intense patriotism animates the members of our great society. Above all, an earnest desire to live according to the teachings of the volume of the Sacred Law, which has been given as a rule and guide to our faith, is plainly discernible. May He, the Great Architect of the Universe, be with us in our deliberations, giving us wisdom to devise means and ends that will build up our great fraternity on the eternal principles of righteousness and justice.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. WARDROPE,

Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The M. W. the Grand Master named as such committee, M. W. Bros. E. T. Malone, J. H. Burritt, A. T. Freed and S. A. Luke.

The Grand Secretary presented the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's reports as follows

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements and investment accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ended 31st May, 1918.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.

To balance at the credit of the account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st May, 1917.....	\$ 5,452 70	
Less outstanding cheques.....	1,117 16	
	<hr/>	\$4,335 54
Received from Grand Secretary from Lodges..	79,884 11	
Interest from Investments.....	4,977 24	
Accrued interest on \$10,500 War Bonds.....	108 28	
Accrued Interest on \$800 Semi-Centennial ..	4 17	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	479 18	
Debentures Matured and Paid:		
Brockville.....	\$ 487 32	
Berlin.....	857 40	
St. Thomas.....	1,303 60	
	<hr/>	2,648 32
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		\$8,101 30
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		<u>\$92,436 84</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Charges	\$24,680 13	
Benevolent Orders.....	34,095 00	
Purchase of City of Hamilton Deb	2,555 22	
Victory Bond	10,013 14	
Interest per contra applied on Purchase of Victory Bonds 1st December, 1917.....	108 28	
Dominion War Bonds.....	9397 26	
City of Hamilton Debentures.....	2,009 20	
	<hr/>	\$2,858 23
Balance in the Canadian Bank of Commerce at 31st May, 1918..	12,414 48	
Less outstanding cheques.....	2,835 87	
	<hr/>	9,578 61
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		<u>\$92,436 84</u>

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F. C. A.,
Auditor.

Toronto June 25th, 1918.

DISBURSEMENTS.

1917			
June	11—R. Raw & Co., account.....	\$ 1,177 53	
	Grand Secretary for incidentals.....	300 00	
	27—Grand Secretary's expenses to Belleville to arrange for Grand Lodge Meeting.....	19 90	
	Grand Secretary's Salary to 13th June.....	750 00	
	Grand Treasurer's Salary to 30th June.....	50 00	
	Auditor's salary to June 30th.....	75 00	
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th June.....	66 66	
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June.....	91 66	
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, sal- ary to 30th June.....	83 33	
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June.....	60 00	
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June.....	55 00	
	R. Raw & Co., account.....	23 25	
	Times Printing Co., account.....	27 00	
	Passenger Association account.....	6 00	
	A. Kent & Sons, account.....	7 50	
	R. Duncan & Co., account.....	18 40	
July	18—Geo. S. May, account expenses of Grand Lodge	1500 00	
	20—W. H. Wardrope, account expenses.....	400 00	
	W. H. Wardrope, account postage.....	15 00	
	J. A. MacFadden, account postage.....	15 00	
	23—George S. May, account postage.....	10 00	
	A. T. Freed, Foreign Correspondence.....	250 00	
	J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investiga- tion.....	300 00	
	Hamilton Masonic Hall, rent.....	250 00	
	Masonic Relief Association.....	306 31	
	Bell Telephone account to Sept. 30th.....	14 75	
	R. Raw & Co., account.....	12 50	
	R. Duncan & Co., account.....	30 50	
	Angus & Stonehouse, account.....	130 00	
	H. T. Smith, account.....	10 00	
	31—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 30th July.....	66 67	
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July.....	91 66	
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, sal- ary to 31st July.....	83 33	
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July.....	60 00	
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July.....	55 00	
Aug.	25—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent investigation	250 00	
	R. Raw & Co., account.....	7 50	
	R. Duncan & Co., account.....	7 35	
	W. J. Fearman, insurance on card system....	20 70	
	Times Printing Co.....	21 53	

1917

Aug.	25—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st August.....	66 66
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August.....	83 34
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August.....	55 00
Sept.	18—The Intelligencer Printing Co., account to 31st July.....	235 30
	Office Specialty Co., account.....	43 50
	Robert Harper, account to 30th August.....	6 00
	28 Grand Secretary's salary to 30th Sept.....	750 00
	Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th Sept.....	50 00
	Auditor's salary to 30th Sept.....	100 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 30th September.....	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th Sept.	225 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th Sept.....	83 33
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th Sept.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th Sept.....	55 00
	J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent investigation	250 00
Oct.	25—James Cheyne, account.....	12 07
	Grand Secretary's expenses of Committee in Toronto.....	17 90
	Hand Fireworks Co., account.....	28 80
	Bell Telephone Co., account.....	16 05
	R. Duncan & Co., account.....	55 63
	Ontario Engraving Co., account.....	4 34
	W. E. Stone, account.....	13 50
	Copp, Clark & Co., certificates.....	300 00
	R. Raw & Co., account.....	7 50
	Times Printing Co., account to 1st Oct.....	700 50
	Insurance on Office Furniture etc.....	26 20
	Insurance on Office Furniture, etc.....	26 20
	Insurance on Office Furniture, etc.....	26 20
	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent.....	250 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st Oct.....	66 66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to Oct. 31st.	125 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st Oct.....	100 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st Oct.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st Oct.....	60 00

1917		
Nov.	28—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 30th November.....	66 66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November.....	125 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November.....	100 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November.....	60 00
	Grand Secretary's account, incidental expenses	300 00
	J. B. Nixon account investigation Benevolent grants.....	250 00
	Premium on Grand Secretary's bond.....	12 50
Dec.	5—Grand Secretary's postage on Proceedings....	179 00
	7—D. F. Fraser, relief of sufferers from Halifax explosion.....	1,000 00
Dec.	10—D. F. Fraser, relief of sufferers from Halifax explosion.....	1,000 00
	12—W. R. Draper, for ritual work.....	223 90
	21—Grand Secretary's salary to 31st December....	750 00
	Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st December...	50 00
	Auditor's salary to 31st December.....	100 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st December.....	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st Dec.....	125 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st Dec.....	100 00
	J. B. Nixon account Benevolent investigation Times Printing Co., account in full for Proceedings, 1917.....	250 00
	Copp, Clark Co., account in full to 1st Dec., 1917.....	1,576 52
	Hamilton Paper Box Co.....	1,555 80
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st Dec.....	27 39
		60 00
1918		
Jan.	18—Robert Raw & Co., account.....	18 75
	R. Duncan & Co., account.....	11 50
	Office Specialty Co., in full account to 25th October.....	375 00
	28—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st January.....	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January.....	125 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January.....	100 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January.....	90 00
Feb.	5—Premium on W. J. Attig Bond.....	12 50
	Grand Secretary's incidental expenses.....	200 00
	20—Canada Tungsten Co., account.....	14 25
	R. Raw & Co., account to Feb. 1st.....	7 00

1918			
Feb.	20—	Bell Telephone Co., account to May 31st	15 00
		Howell Lithographing Co., account to Jan. 11	36 00
		Copp, Clark & Co., account to 31st Jan.....	150 60
		Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February.....	125 00
		Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February	100 00
		Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February.....	75 00
Mar.	6—	Grand Master, account expenses.....	400 00
		Grand Master, stenographer	100 00
	28—	Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st March.....	50 00
		Grand Secretary's salary to 31st March	750 00
		Auditor's salary to 31st March.....	100 00
		Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March.....	125 00
		Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March.....	100 00
		Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March.....	75 00
		R. Raw & Co., account to March 4th.....	4 50
		J. S. Gordon, account engrossing warrants...	15 00
		Robert Duncan & Co., account to March 1st	128 15
April	22—	Times Printing Co., account.....	667 54
		R. Duncan & Co., account.....	6 50
		Bell Telephone Co., account to 30th June.....	14 75
		W. M. Logan, expenses to Windsor.....	18 20
		A. F. Richardson, account.....	14 00
		W. R. Draper, account in full to date.....	406 40
		Hamilton Masonic Hall, rent to April 1st.....	500 00
		Grand Secretary's incidental expenses.....	100 00
	30—	Toronto General Trusts Corporation, rent of safe compartment.....	40 00
		Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April.....	125 00
		Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to date.....	100 00
		Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April.....	75 00
		Duty on Regalia	27 40
May	28—	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st May.....	125 00
		Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st May.....	100 00
		Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st May.....	75 00
	29—	Balance expenses for 1916 Grand Lodge at London.....	115 10
		Balance expenses for 1917 Grand Lodge at Belleville.....	16 50
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			\$24,680 13
Benevolent orders.....			34,095 00
Interest per contra applied on purchase of Victory Bonds 1st December, 1917			108 28

Purchase of Debentures and War Loan during year.....	23,974 82
Balance on deposit in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	\$12,414 48
Less outstanding cheques.....	2,835 87
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	9,578 61
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	<u>\$92,436 84</u>

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st of May, 1918, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the Vault Clerk, of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited—certified to as being correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.
Auditor.

June 25th, 1918.

GENERAL FUND

Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1918.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan	5½	5½	\$ 10125 59	\$10500 00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan	5	5½	9327 26	10000 00
Dominion of Canada, Victory Loan.....	5½	5½	10000 00	10000 00
Landed Banking and Loan Company.....	5	5	5000 00	5000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation	5	5	11000 00	11000 00
Berlin, Town of.....	5	4½	922 51	900 27
Berlin, Town of.....	5	5	5523 08	5523 08
Brampton, Town of.....	6	6	1964 26	1964 26
Brandon, City of.....	5	4½	10399 00	10000 00
Brandon, City of.....	5	4½	2116 04	2000 00
Brantford, City of.....	4	3¾	8173 60	8000 00
Brockville, Town of.....	4	4½	2272 78	2426 63
Brockville, Town of.....	4	4¾	2556 97	2689 36
Hamilton, City of.....	4	4¾	2777 70	3000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	5	6	2505 07	2616 81
Homilton, City of.....	6	6	2000 00	2000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4¾	509 80	500 00
New Westminster, City of....	5	4.80	5125 50	5000 00
New Westminster, City of....	5	4¾	5208 50	5000 00
Oxford, County of.....	5	4½	1613 60	1509 58
Peterborough, Town of.....	4½	4½	5121 37	5121 37
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4¾	1009 31	1000 00
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4 1-16	12026 07	12148 50
St. Thomas, City of.....	5	4½	2912 47	2806 02
Stratford, City of.....	4½	4¾	980 95	1000 00
Strathcona City of.....	4½	4¾	4842 00	5018 28
Toronto, City of.....	3½	4.05	4484 14	4866 66
			\$130497 57	\$131590 82
Balance on deposit, Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1918.....				
			\$ 12414 48	
Cheques outstanding, May 31st, 1918.....			2835 87	
				\$ 9578 61
				<u>\$141169 43</u>

Verified,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,

Auditor.

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province
of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures
of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

To balance at credit of the account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st May, 1917.....	\$ 805 16	
Less outstanding cheques.....	485 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 320 16
Amount received from Grand Secretary during the year ending 31st May, 1918, from lodges	18 00	
Interest on investments.....	4,862 43	
Interest on bank deposits.....	67 03	
Accrued interest on \$800 Bond.....	7 11	
Berlin Debenture installments.....	\$ 65 36	
Berlin Debenture installments.....	761 03	
Berlin Debenture.....	3,000 00	
Tilbury East Deb. installments.....	66 27	
	<hr/>	\$3,892 66
		<hr/>
		8,847 23
		<hr/>
		\$9,167 39

DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchase of City of Hamilton Debentures.....	\$1,026 50	
Purchase of City of Hamilton Debentures.....	3,013 81	
Balance of interest on Conversion of Bonds.....	\$ 4 17	
Interest applied in contra for purchase of Victory Loan Bonds.....	7 11	
	<hr/>	11 28
Benevolent Orders.....	4,720 00	
Less cancelled cheque.....	110 00	
	<hr/>	4,610 00
		<hr/>
		8,661 59
Balance in the Canadian Bank of Commerce at 31st May, 1918.....	\$4,244 61	
Less outstanding cheques.....	3,738 81	
	<hr/>	505 80
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		\$9,167 39

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,

Auditor.

Toronto, June 25th, 1918.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.
Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1918.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dom. of Canada, War loan.....	5	5.30	\$ 5183 00	\$ 5200 00
Dom. of Canada, War loan.....	5½	5½	780 71	800 00
Toronto General Trusts Corp....	5	5	5000 00	5000 00
DEBENTURES				
Berlin, City of	5	4½	1014 82	975 04
Berlin, City of	5	4¾	3485 88	3444 12
Brampton, Town of.....	6	6	1841 49	1841 49
Brandon, City of.....	5	4½	4170 00	4000 00
Calgary, City of	4½	4½	3980 00	4000 00
Durham, Town of.....	5	5½	1439 71	1528 43
Galt, Town of.....	4	5	1695 60	2000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	5	6	1006 20	1051 09
Hamilton, City of.....	6	6	3000 00	3000 00
Ingersoll, Town of	4	5	891 60	1000 00
Kincardine, Town of	5	4¾	1019 60	1000 00
North Vancouver, Dist. of.....	4½	4¾	2880 60	3000 00
Oakville, Town of	5	4¾	4971 42	4787 92
Oshawa, Town of.....	4½	4½	4316 40	4316 40
Owen Sound, Town of.....	4½	5	940 10	1000 00
Owen Sound, Town of.....	5	4¼	2200 80	2000 00
Owen Sound, Town of	5	5.20	1950 60	2000 00
Peterborough, Town of	3	4	1693 20	2000 00
Peterborough, Town of.....	4	5	907 90	1000 00
Peterborough, City of	4¾	4½	1905 50	1850 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	3854 72	3854 72
St. Catharines, City of.....	4	4¼	5141 74	5319 96
St. Marys, Town of	4½	4.80	8658 63	9000 00
Saltfleet, Township of	5	4¾	4119 22	4000 00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of	5	4¾	1862 64	1800 00
Seaforth, Town of.....	5	4¾	4105 56	4000 00
Shuniah, Municipality of.....	5	4¾	1015 90	1000 00
Strathroy, Town of	5	5¾	1459 73	1546 54
Tilbury East, Township of.....	6	5½	712 67	700 41
Walkerville, Town of.....	4½	4¾	3516 34	3581 16
Walkerville, Town of.....	4½	5¾	599 88	639 13
Windsor, City of	4	4½	3867 97	4083 89
Windsor, City of	5	6	2430 70	2706 65
Woodstock, City of.....	4½	4.05	4240 00	4000 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Assoc- iation Stock		6	100 00	100 00
			101960 83	103126 95
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1918			\$ 4244 61	
Less outstanding Cheques			3738 81	
				\$ 505 80
				<u>\$103632 75</u>

Verified

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

The above statement of assets shews the amount to the credit of Semi-Centennial Fund on the 31st May, 1918, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the Vault Clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the Debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,

Audited—certified to as being correct.

Grand Treasurer.

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,

Auditor.

Toronto, June 25th, 1918.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in
the Province of Ontario.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing
an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to
the Grand Treasurer, during the year ending the 31st
of May, 1918.

The following statements are herewith submitted,
viz.:

A Summary of receipts from various sources on
General Account; Details of Receipts on General
Account and Ledger Balances as at the 31st May 1918;
a Summary of Receipts for the year; Details of Pay-
ments to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expendi-
ture; Details of the Returns of Lodges as at the 24th
June, 1918; a Summary of the Receipts and of Pay-
ments to the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-
Centennial Fund; and a Statement of the Receipts
and Disbursements on the Semi-Centennial Fund
Revenue Account. Also a record of dispensations
issued and by-laws and amendments thereto approved
by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Details of Receipts of Grand Lodge on General Account, and Ledger Balances, Year ending May 31st, 1918

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Amt.	Balance	
				Dr.	Cr.
2	Niagara	Niagara	\$ 125 50	1 00	
3	Ancient St. John's	Kingston	475 55	7 20	
5	Sussex	Brockville	331 20		
6	Barton	Hamilton	382 20	2 10	
7	Union	Grimsby	183 35		85
9	Union	Napanee	237 00	1 50	
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	178 20		
11	Moir	Belleville	401 40	5 20	
14	True Britons	Perth	139 50		
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	189 20	6 00	
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	573 00	8 75	
17	St. John's	Cobourg	223 20	3 00	
18	Prince Edward	Pictou	244 20		
20	St. John's	London	372 50		
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	33 50	33 50	
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	512 10	8 20	
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	69 50	4 10	
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	206 20		
25	Ionic	Toronto	248 35		
26	Ontario	Port Hope	185 90		
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	519 35	4 20	
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	106 60		
29	United	Brighton	190 50		
30	Composite	Whitby	156 60	1 00	
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	209 70		
32	Amity	Dunnville	202 45	2 10	
33	Maitland	Goderich	207 40		
34	Thistle	Amherstburg	153 00	6 20	
35	St. John's	Cayuga	144 50		
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	185 85	3 10	
38	Trent	Trenton	278 20		
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	117 50		
40	St. John's	Hamilton	672 90	2 10	
41	St. George's	Kingsville	253 10		
42	St. George's	London	254 40		
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	397 70	10 70	
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	448 70	11 40	
45	Brant	Brantford	415 70	10 20	
46	Wellington	Chatham	330 20		7 60
47	Great Western	Windsor	935 10	3 50	
48	Madoc	Madoc	271 00	5 20	
50	Consecon	Consecon	75 50		
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	428 95		
54	Vaughan	Maple	63 50		
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	116 10		3 00
56	Victoria	Sarnia	384 10	2 40	
57	Harmony	Binbrook	158 90		
58	Doric	Ottawa	315 00	4 20	
61	Acacia	Hamilton	679 20		5 80
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	104 00		

63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place..	222	50	
64	Kilwinning.....	London.....	292	90	4 70
65	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	589	90	10 20
66	Durham.....	Newcastle.....	55	50	4 80
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	178	60	6 10
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	150	20	
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	180	00	3 50
73	St. James'.....	St. Marys.....	131	20	
74	St. James'.....	South Augusta.....	90	00	
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	442	90	23 90
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	344	70	15 80
77	Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	310	45	65
78	King Hiram.....	Tilisonburg.....	250	50	
79	Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	85	00	
81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	108	75	50
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	158	00	4 50
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	165	50	
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	110	55	1 00
85	Rising Sun.....	Athens.....	97	75	2 10
86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	568	50	7 00
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	136	60	3 50
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	193	80	
90	Manito.....	Collingwood.....	229	50	9 25
91	Colborne.....	Colborne.....	115	50	
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	384	99	50
93	Northern Light.....	Kincardine.....	135	00	
94	St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	101	10	
96	Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	461	00	2 50
97	Sharon.....	Queensville.....	89	10	4 50
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	63	35	
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	136	50	
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	286	30	2 70
101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	202	70	7 20
103	Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	365	40	
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	157	70	2 10
105	St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	214	00	4 20
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	131	50	
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	120	40	2 60
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	104	90	
109	Albion.....	Harrowsmith.....	124	50	
110	Central.....	Prescott.....	179	35	2 60
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	173	00	
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	269	70	9 25
115	Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	173	35	
116	Cassia.....	Thedford.....	46	50	
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	82	50	
119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	93	70	
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	77	80	
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	612	05	13 40
122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	197	50	
123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	301	99	1 50
125	Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	142	00	
126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	177	40	6 00
127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	157	50	50
128	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	245	75	
129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	150	60	50

131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton..	85	50		
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	112	50	5	20
135	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	190	48		
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	57	00		
137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	88	00		
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	176	70	2	10
140	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	152	35		
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	114	70	1	00
142	Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	90	85		1 00
143	Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquis.....	115	80		
144	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	330	50	4	70
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	89	00		
146	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	102	00		
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	102	70		
148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	278	70		
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	116	50	1	00
151	Grand River.....	Kitchener.....	290	30	4	10
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	122	90	2	10
154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	128	20		
155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough...	373	70	10	00
156	York.....	Toronto.....	326	25	35	50
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	97	20		
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	92	00	48	20
159	Goodwood.....	Richmond.....	94	10	2	00
161	Percy.....	Warkworth.....	93	75	3	60
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	39	50	1	00
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	156	60		4 50
165	Burlington.....	Burlington.....	171	60		
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek...	178	15	2	60
168	Merritt.....	Welland.....	247	00	4	20
169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne ..	142	90		3 70
170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	144	50		
171	Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence St'n ..	58	50		
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	49	50	2	10
174	Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	107	00		
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	348	20		3 00
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	80	00		1 00
180	Speed.....	Guelph.....	240	20		12 00
181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	61	85		
184	Old Light.....	Lucknow.....	124	60		
185	Enniskillen.....	York.....	52	50		
186	Plantagenet.....	Riceville.....	56	50		50
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	88	40		
192	Orillia.....	Orillia.....	472	45		
193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	109	00		
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	208	60		
195	Tuscan.....	London.....	211	30	6	00
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	120	00	7	10
197	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	91	00		
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest...	41	35		
201	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	270	50		
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	57	50		
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg..	24	85		
207	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	141	85		85
209a	St. John's.....	London.....	514	70	10	40
209	Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	68	50		

215	Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	94	20	50	
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	173	00	5	50
217	Frederick.....	Delhi.....	44	00	41	50
218	Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	285	10	13	30
219	Credit.....	Georgetown.....	120	60		50
220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	134	70		
221	Mountain.....	Thorold.....	210	75	8	40
222	Marmora.....	Marmora.....	127	50		10 00
223	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	123	50		
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	97	80	2	00
225	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	179	00	1	25
228	Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	95	50	6	60
229	Ionic.....	Brampton.....	180	20		
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	231	30		1 50
231	Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	368	45	5	20
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....	100	00	63	10
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	102	25	1	40
234	Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	102	50		
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	123	00		50
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	112	50		
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	100	00		
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	100	20		
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	166	70		
242	Macey.....	Mallorytown.....	134	30		
243	St. George.....	St. George.....	89	50		50
245	Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	97	00		
247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	450	50	1	20
249	Caledonian.....	Midland.....	232	20		
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	125	50		
253	Minden.....	Kingston.....	164	20	7	20
254	Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	341	70	5	45
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	131	00		
256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	117	70		
257	Galt.....	Galt.....	254	20		
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	115	50	8	40
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	129	50	1	00
260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....	172	20		
261	Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	19	90	2	00
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	116	35	14	35
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	125	50		
264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	332	70	8	00
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	92	00		
266	Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	66	50	4	70
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	370	70	4	20
268	Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	96	20		
269	Brougham Union.....	Claremont.....	74	00	4	20
270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	176	85	4	20
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	76	85		
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	82	25		
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	204	40		
276	Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	64	45		
277	Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	89	10	1	50
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	124	75	1	25
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	110	50		
283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	195	50		50

284	St. John's	Brussels	100	50		50
285	Seven Star	Alliston	168	80	3	50
286	Wingham	Wingham	127	30		
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	396	20	5	20
289	Doric	Lobo	156	70		2 00
290	Leamington	Leamington	225	40	1	00
291	Dufferin	West Flamboro	132	20		
292	Robertson	King	52	30	6	00
294	Moore	Courtright	76	50		50
295	Conestogo	Drayton	129	20		50
296	Temple	St. Catharines	240	70	4	20
297	Preston	Preston	112	50	10	20
299	Victoria	Centreville	86	10	1	00
300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	129	75		
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	397	45	6	70
303	Blyth	Blyth	3	00		60
304	Minerva	Stroud	120	20		
305	Humber	Weston	146	00	5	20
306	Durham	Durham	51	50		
307	Arkona	Arkona	64	10		
309	Morning Star	Carlow	71	50		
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	71	00		
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	189	75	2	50
313	Clementi	Lakefield	112	00		
314	Blair	Palmerston	157	90	3	00
315	Clifford	Clifford	63	70		
316	Doric	Toronto	381	25		
318	Wilnot	Baden	32	50		1 50
319	Hiram	Hagersville	117	65		35
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	134	20		
321	Walker	Acton	95	50		
322	North Star	Owen Sound	225	75		
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	91	00	2	10
324	Temple	Hamilton	684	80	1	20
325	Orono	Orono	54	50		
326	Zetland	Toronto	501	70	13	50
327	Hammond	Wardsville	47	60		
328	Ionic	Napier	64	95		
329	King Solomon	Jarvis	85	70		
330	Corinthian	London	319	90		
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	67	60		
332	Stratford	Stratford	243	00		
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	90	00		
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	69	10		1 50
336	Highgate	Highgate	97	20	2	10
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	82	50		
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	83	00	43	00
339	Orient	Toronto	410	65	2	00
341	Bruce	Tiverton			113	20
343	Georgina	Toronto	476	90	10	00
344	Merrill	Dorchester St'n	69	10		
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	88	00		
346	Occident	Toronto	571	80		
347	Mercer	Fergus	116	60	1	25
348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	139	00		
352	Granite	Parry Sound	263	90	5	70

354	Brock	Cannington	77 00	4 20
356	River Park	Streetsville	110 20	
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	180 10	
358	Delaware Valley	Delaware	31 00	65 00
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	62 00	
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	84 85	1 10
361	Waverley	Guelph	372 00	6 80
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	74 10	
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	69 50	
367	St. George	Toronto	488 50	
368	Salem	Brockville	244 30	1 00
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	255 75	
370	Harmony	Delta	95 50	3 10
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	200 00	1 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	121 10	
373	Copestone	Welland	275 80	
374	Keene	Keene	39 50	2 50
375	Lorne	Omeme	78 75	
376	Unity	Huntsville	139 60	
377	Lorne	Shelbourne	112 20	
378	King Solomon's	London	303 55	3 00
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	53 00	
380	Union	London	337 30	
382	Doric	Hamilton	463 80	2 10
383	Henderson	Winchester	114 30	
384	Alpha	Toronto	566 70	
385	Spry	Beeton	85 50	1 00
386	McColl	West Lorne	152 35	1 50
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	62 55	
388	Henderson	Ilderton	85 60	
389	Crystal Fountain	North Augusta	84 25	8 00
390	Florence	Florence	69 75	
391	Howard	Ridgetown	157 90	3 10
392	Huron	Camlachie	90 25	
393	Forest	Chesley	100 10	
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	92 80	60
395	Parvaim	Comber	71 50	
396	Cedar	Wiaiton	155 70	1 00
397	Leopold	Brigden	110 20	
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	55 50	1 00
399	Moffatt	Harrietsville	71 60	1 00
400	Oakville	Oakville	215 00	
401	Craig	Deseronto	143 55	
402	Central	Essex	139 00	
403	Windsor	Windsor	560 50	1 00
404	Lorne	Tamworth	88 50	
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	97 50	
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	80 00	
408	Murray	Beaverton	88 90	8 05
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	120 00	50
410	Zeta	Toronto	387 00	5 20
411	Rodney	Rodney	76 00	3 00
412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	462 50	6 70
413	Naphtali	Tilbury	118 50	50
414	Pequonga	Kenora	266 50	5 20
415	Fort William	Fort William	348 40	8 90

416	Lyn	Lyn	55	40		1	00
417	Keewatin	Keewatin	98	70	15		
418	Maxville	Maxville	100	50		7	00
419	Bismarck	Sarnia	125	85	1	00	
420	Nipissing	North Bay	383	20	50		
421	Scott	Grand Valley	109	85	1	00	
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	96	50		2	00
423	Stroug	Sundridge	91	25	50		
424	Doric	Pickering	60	20			
425	St. Clair	Sombra	123	45		1	50
426	Stanley	Toronto	407	75	15	75	
427	Nickel	Sudbury	308	55	50		
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	156	85			
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	59	50			
430	Acacia	Toronto	296	50	4	70	
431	Moravian	Cargill	60	00			
432	Hanover	Hanover	82	30	2	10	
433	Bonnechere	Eganville	103	95			
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	119	00	5	20	
435	Havelock	Havelock	160	00		10	50
436	Burns	Hepworth	53	50			
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	386	50			
438	Harmony	Toronto	692	10	5	20	
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	75	50			
440	Arcadia	Minden	86	70		6	00
441	Westport	Westport	103	70		50	
442	Dymont	Thessalon	107	00	6	70	
443	Powassan	Powassan	65	85			
444	Nitetic	Creemore	88	50	1	00	
445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora	74	20			
446	Granite	Fort Frances	109	50			
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	100	85			
448	Xenophon	Wheatley	71	50			
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	74	10			
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	108	20			
451	Somerville	Kinmount	76	60			
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	115	10			
453	Royal	Fort William	191	70			
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	92	40		1	50
455	Doric	Little Current	97	00			
456	Elma	Monkton	67	45	2	25	
457	Century	Merlin	115	70		50	
458	Wales	Wales	101	00			
459	Cobden	Cobden	108	00	1	70	
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	67	00			
461	Ionic	Rainy River	107	00			
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	190	50	4	70	
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	61	60			
464	King Edward	Sunderland	77	00		3	00
465	Carleton	Carp	122	50	1	00	
466	Coronation	Elmvale	107	50	1	00	
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	90	75	36	00	
468	Peel	Caledon East	81	85	2	10	
469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	252	00	13	30	
470	Victoria	Victoria Harbour	158	05			
471	King Edward VII	Chippawa	64	30		2	80

472	Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	83	50	1	00	
473	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	269	50	11	00	
474	Victoria.....	Toronto.....	339	70	3	70	
475	Dundurn.....	Hamilton.....	457	30			
476	Corinthian.....	North Gower....	70	50	1	10	
477	Harding.....	Woodville.....	66	50	5	05	
478	Milverton.....	Milverton.....			83	00	
479	Russell.....	Russell.....	116	60	1	00	
480	Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg....	55	35	4	75	
481	Corinthian.....	Toronto.....	279	70	9	00	
482	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	166	60			
483	Granton.....	Granton.....	67	00	4	20	
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	98	50			7 00
485	Haileybury.....	Haileybury.....	212	50			50
486	Silver.....	Cobalt.....	249	80	9	70	
487	Penewobikong.....	Blind River.....	91	20	3	00	
488	King Edward.....	Harrow.....	114	60	3	10	
489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls....	102	60	7	00	
490	Hiram.....	Markdale.....	59	20	4	20	
491	Cardinal.....	Cardinal.....	74	70	8	70	
492	Karnak.....	Coldwater.....	92	35	3	50	
493	St. Marys.....	St. Marys.....	97	50	4	20	
494	Riverdale.....	Toronto.....	318	60			1 00
495	Electric.....	Hamilton.....	461	30	12	50	
496	University.....	Toronto.....	257	20	16	75	
497	St. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	122	20	2	00	
498	King George V.....	Coboconk.....	57	60			50
499	Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	245	90			
500	Rose.....	Windsor.....	112	20			3 00
501	Connaught.....	Mimico.....	171	80			
502	Coronation.....	Smithville.....	83	30			
503	Inwood.....	Inwood.....	93	20			
504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	37	50			
505	Lynden.....	Lynden.....	93	60			
506	Porcupine.....	Porcupine.....	66	50			
507	Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	90	35	1	00	
508	Ozias.....	Brantford.....	92	50	10	20	
509	Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	161	50	1	00	
510	Parkdale.....	Toronto.....	154	40	8	75	
511	Connaught.....	W. Fort William	77	50	2	00	
512	Malone.....	Sutton.....	96	50			
513	Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	327	10	13	60	
514	St. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	300	00			7 00
515	Reba.....	Brantford.....	246	20	10	30	
516	Enterprise.....	Beachburg.....	100	70	2	70	
517	Hazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	82	80	5	20	
518	Sioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout..			12	50	
519	Onondaga.....	Onondaga.....	69	95			
520	Coronati.....	Toronto.....	263	75	6	00	
521	Ontario.....	Windsor.....	283	10	4	20	
522	Mount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	192	50	20	50	
523	Royal Arthur.....	Peterborough....	99	50	10	00	
524	Mississauga.....	Port Credit.....	84	50			
525	Temple.....	Toronto.....	178	18	9	40	
526	Ionic.....	Westboro.....	114	70			

527	Espanola	Espanola	56	50	3	50
528	Golden Beaver.....	Timmins	123	10		
529	Myra	Komoka	52	10	3	10
530	Cochrane.....	Cochrane	70	00	14	50
531	High Park.....	Toronto	343	75	12	40
532	Canada.....	Toronto	175	00	14	00
533	Shamrock.....	Toronto	336	90	1	00
534	Englehart	Englehart.....			50	70
535	Phoenix.....	Fonthill	58	50	11	10
536	Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	82	00	21	75
537	Ulster.....	Toronto	323	10	10	00
U.D.	Kitchener.....	Port McNicholl	70	25	4	25
U.D.	Waterloo.....	Waterloo	94	75		
U.D.	Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls....	20	45	23	50
U.D.	Tuscan.....	Toronto			32	95
U.D.	Metropolitan.....	Toronto	20	00		
U.D.	Imperial.....	Toronto	20	00		
Total Receipts from Lodges..			\$78,898	86		
Sundries.....			985	25		
Interest.....			5,460	59		
Debentures Redeemed.....			2,648	32		
Interest applied on contra on purchase of Victory Bonds.....			108	28		
			<u>\$88,101</u>		30	

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Year Ended May 31st, 1918.

Fees, registration of Initiations.....	\$13,173 00
Fees, registration of Affiliations.....	336 00
Dues.....	59,212 93
Certificates.....	188 00
Constitutions and Ceremonies.....	1,564 98
Dispensations.....	607 00
Commutation of Dues.....	3,720 00
Warrants.....	10 00
Miscellaneous.....	937 20
Musical Rituals.....	135 00
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	\$79,884 11

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account:

Dominion of Canada, War Loans	\$262 50
Landed Banking and Loan Company.....	250 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	550 00
Town of Berlin.....	87 88
Town of Berlin.....	276 15
Town of Brampton.....	117 86
City of Brandon.....	600 00
City of Brantford.....	320 00
Town of Brockville.....	248 50
City of Hamilton.....	120 00
City of Hamilton.....	130 84
Town of Kincardine	25 00
City of New Westminster.....	500 00
County of Oxford.....	75 48
City of Peterborough.....	230 46
City of Port Arthur	50 00
City of St. Thomas.....	691 43
City of Stratford.....	45 00
City of Strathcona.....	225 82
City of Toronto.....	170 32
Bank Account.....	479 18
February, 1918, S. C. Fund, accrued interest exchange, War Bands.....	4 17
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	5,460 59
Total Revenue, General Account.....	<hr/>
	\$85,344 70

Debentures Matured and Paid:

Town of Berlin.....	\$ 857 40
Town of Brockville	487 32
City of St. Thomas.....	1,303 60
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	2,648 32
Interest per Contra applied on purchase of Victory Bonds..	108 28
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	<u>\$88,101 30</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Payments to Grand Treasurer.

Deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

1917		1918	
June 9th.....	\$ 910 33	Jan. 3rd.....	2,884 45
June 22nd.....	1,367 25	Jan. 4th.....	1,200 75
June 28th.....	5,092 40	Jan. 7th.....	2,309 45
June 30th.....	3,580 68	Jan. 9th.....	3,183 07
June 30th.....	1,791 70	Jan. 14th.....	3,157 17
July 3rd.....	4,094 21	Jan. 21st.....	4,631 95
July 4th.....	3,922 93	Jan. 28th.....	3,227 05
July 7th.....	5,720 85	Jan. 31st.....	2,483 21
July 10th.....	3,237 56	Feb. 4th.....	650 57
July 12th.....	3,337 15	Feb. 12th.....	1,992 00
July 13th.....	1,445 65	Feb. 19th.....	1,843 80
July 27th.....	2,412 60	Feb. 28th.....	1,527 47
July 31st.....	263 05	Mar. 14th.....	1,619 60
Aug. 23rd.....	451 30	Mar. 28th.....	865 35
Sept. 1st.....	539 30	April 3rd.....	1,945 23
Sept. 4th.....	134 10	April 13th.....	603 52
Sept. 13th.....	603 45	April 19th.....	379 30
Sept. 27th.....	1,550 30	April 26th.....	375 85
July 29th.....	92 00	April 30th.....	630 68
Oct. 16th.....	1,177 16	May 2nd.....	190 42
Oct. 31st.....	828 05	May 10th.....	375 40
Nov. 27th.....	1,948 20	May 16th.....	640 65
Nov. 30th.....	155 80	May 23rd.....	414 45
Nov. 30th.....	242 53	May 31st.....	715 40
Dec. 7th.....	387 75		
Dec. 24th.....	366 40		\$87,993 02
Dec. 31st.....	4,493 53	Interest on contra ap- plied on purchase of Victory Bonds ...	108 28
			<u>\$88,101 30</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Year ended May 31st, 1918.

E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer, salary to March 31st, 1918.....	\$ 200 00
R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary, salary to March 31st, 1918.....	3,000 00
H. Vigeon, Auditor, salary to March 31st, 1918.....	375 00
J. P. Muir, superannuation to January 31st, 1918.....	533 32
Thomas Pedler, clerk, salary to July 31st, 1917.....	183 32
J. Place, stenographer, salary to May 31st, 1918.....	1,133 33
A. E. Mason, clerk, salary to October 31st, 1917.....	300 00
F. J. Brown, clerk, salary to May 31st, 1918.....	790 00
W. J. Attig, clerk, salary to May 31st, 1918.....	1,225 00
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's office.....	900 00
Printing and Stationery.....	4,878 84
Certificates and Warrants.....	2,050 20
Telephone Service.....	60 55
Insurance on furniture, books and regalia and premium on bond of Grand Secretary.....	124 30
Safety Deposit Box Rental, Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	40 00
Office Rent, Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	1,000 00
Postage on Proceedings.....	179 00
Postage of D. D. G. M. and Chairmen of Committees.....	40 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Belleville.....	1,536 40
Expenses of Grand Secretary at Grand Lodge at London, 1916.....	115 10
Expenses of Acting Grand Secretary and Chairman of Printing at Windsor, 1918.....	32 20
Expenses of Delegations and Ceremonies.....	17 90
Inspection of Benevolent Grants.....	1,300 00
A. T. Freed, Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.....	250 00
Allowance to M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Grand Master 1917-1918.....	800 00
Stenographer for Grand Master.....	100 00
Portrait and Framing.....	4 34
Regalia and Repairs.....	53 72
Memorial Tributes.....	6 00
Musical Rituals.....	630 30
Expenses re Lodge No. 522.....	140 00
D. F. Fraser, relief of sufferers from Halifax explosion.....	2,000 00
Vault Fixtures.....	375 00
Masonic Relief Association, U. S.....	306 31
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	\$24,680 13
Grants for Benevolence.....	34,095 00
Debentures purchased.....	23,974 82
Interest per contra applied on purchase of Victory Bonds 1st December, 1917.....	108 28
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	<u>\$82,858 23</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Summary of Receipts for year ending May 31st, 1918.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Additional Contributions from Lodges:

No. 77 Faithful Brethren, Lindsay.....\$ 18 00

Debentures Matured:

Town of Berlin.....	\$3,826 39	
Township of Tilbury East.....	66 27	
	<hr/>	3,892 66

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Interest on Investment and Bank Account per detailed statement.....	4,929 46	
	<hr/>	\$8,840 12
Accrued interest on \$800 bond.....	7 11	
	<hr/>	\$8,847 23
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PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

Deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

1917

June 9th.....	\$ 331 42
June 30th.....	304 67
July 10th.....	362 50
August 10th.....	1,052 97
September 1st.....	2 50
September 27th.....	117 67
October 16th.....	168 00
November 27th.....	412 56
December 3rd.....	3,599 24
December 11th.....	279 37
December 17th.....	189 91
December 31st.....	15 98
December 31st.....	280 67

1918

February 4th.....	454 77	
March 14th.....	199 34	
April 26th.....	240 00	
May 1st.....	621 10	
May 16th.....	50 00	
May 29th.....	106 40	
May 29th.....	51 05	
	<hr/>	\$8,840 12
Interest applied in Contra on conversion of Bonds.....	7 11	
	<hr/>	\$8,847 23
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SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Revenue Account Year Ended May 31st, 1918.

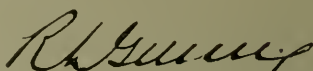
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Balance at Credit, May 31st, 1917.....	\$ 141 91
<i>Interest on Investments:</i>	
Dominion of Canada War Loans.....	\$ 280 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	250 00
Berlin, Town of, Debentures.....	412 28
Brampton, Town of, Debentures.....	110 50
Brandon, City of, Debentures.....	200 00
Calgary, City of, Debentures.....	180 00
Durham, Town of, Debentures.....	76 42
Galt, Town of, Debentures.....	80 00
Hamilton, City of, Debentures.....	52 56
Ingersoll, Town of, Debentures.....	40 00
Kincardine, Town of, Debentures.....	50 00
North Vancouver, District of, Debentures.....	135 00
Oakville, Town of, Debentures.....	239 37
Oshawa, Town of, Debentures.....	194 24
Owen Sound, Town of, Debentures.....	245 00
Peterborough, City of, Debentures.....	361 34
St. Catharines, City of, Debentures.....	212 80
St. Marys, Town of, Debentures.....	405 00
Saltfleet, Township of, Debentures.....	200 00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of, Debentures.....	90 00
Seaforth, Town of, Debentures.....	200 00
Shuniah, Municipality of, Debentures.....	50 00
Strathroy, Town of, Debentures.....	77 32
Tilbury East, Township of, Debentures.....	46 00
Walkerville, Town of, Debentures.....	189 91
Windsor, City of, Debentures.....	298 69
Woodstock, City of, Debentures.....	180 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Dividend....	6 00
Canadian Bank of Commerce, interest.....	67 03
	<hr/> \$4,929 46
	\$5,071 37
Accrued Interest on \$800 Bond.....	7 11
	<hr/> \$5,078 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Accrued interest on Debentures at date of purchase:

City of Hamilton Debentures.....	\$ 13 81	
Dominion of Canada War Bonds, exchange.....	4 17	
Grants for Benevolence.....	4,610 00	
Balance at Credit 31st May, 1918.....	443 39	
		—————\$5,071 37
Interest applied in Contra on purchase of Vic- tory Loan.....		7 11
		<u><u>\$5,078 48</u></u>



Grand Secretary.

Hamilton, June 21st, 1918.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct abstract, from the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 31st, 1918.

HARRY VIGEON, F. C. A., Auditor.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon nomination of their respective Grand Masters, the following brethren have been appointed by the Grand Master to represent this Grand Lodge near their own Grand Bodies, viz.:

V. W. Bro. Frederick Holland, Brisbane, Grand Lodge of Queensland.

W. Bro. Hugh B. Davis, Towanda, Grand Lodge of Kansas.

R. W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed, Newark, Grand Lodge of New Jersey. R. W. Bro. Rev. M. Williams, Adelaide, South Australia.

Upon nomination of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada the following brethren have been appointed to represent foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, viz.:

M. W. Bro. His Honour Sir John M. Gibson, Hamilton, Grand Lodge of England.

R. W. Bro. Lyman Lee, Hamilton, Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

R. W. Bro. Fred. Symes, Fort William, Grand Lodge of Arizona.

R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, Hamilton, Grand Lodge of Colorado.

WARRANTS.

In compliance with the resolution of Grand Lodge at the last annual communication, warrants have been issued to:

Englehart Lodge No. 534, Englehart.

Phoenix Lodge No. 535, Fonthill.

Algonquin Lodge No. 536, Copper Cliff.

Ulster Lodge No. 537, Toronto.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been continued to the following lodges, viz.:

Kitchener Lodge, U.D., Port McNicholl.
Waterloo Lodge, U.D., Waterloo.

Dispensations have been granted to new lodges as follows:

Abitibi Lodge, Iroquois Falls.
Metropolitan Lodge, Toronto.
Tuscan Lodge, Toronto.
Imperial Lodge, Toronto.

CONSECRATIONS.

The following lodges have been constituted and consecrated, viz.:

Englehart, No. 534, Englehart, by R. W. Bro. H. W. Sutcliffe, D.D.G.M., on Monday, September 24th, 1917.

Phoenix Lodge No. 535, Fonthill, by R. W. Bro. C. J. Didemus, D.D.G.M., on Monday, Oct. 1st, 1917.

Algonquin Lodge No. 536, Copper Cliff, by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. White, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, September 18th, 1917.

Ulster Lodge No. 537, Toronto, by R. W. Bro. A. B. Rice, D.D.G.M., on Monday October 29th, 1917.

DEDICATIONS.

The following lodges have been dedicated, viz.:

Erie District No. 1.

Naphtali Lodge No. 413, Tilbury, by R. W. Bro. J. L. Baird, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, 1917.

Georgian District No. 9.

Seven Star Lodge No. 285, Alliston, by R. W. Bro. John Little, D.D.G.M., on Friday, June 14th, 1918.

Hamilton District No. 8.

Dufferin Lodge No. 291, W. Flamboro', by M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Grand Master, on Thursday, June 20th, 1918.

Niagara District No. 10.

Phoenix Lodge No. 535, Fonthill, by R. W. Bro. C. J. Didemus, D.D.G.M., on Monday, Oct. 1st, 1917.

Toronto West District No. 11.

Connaught Lodge No. 501, Mimico, by R. W. Bro. A. B. Rice, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, Oct. 11th 1917.

Nipissing District No. 18.

Algonquin Lodge No. 536, Copper Cliff, by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. White, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 1917.

Dyment Lodge No. 442, Thessalon, by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. White, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, Feb. 14th, 1918.

Temiscaming District No. 22.

Englehart Lodge No. 534, Englehart, by R. W. Bro. H. W. Sutcliffe, on Monday, Sept. 24th, 1917.

BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER.

Date	No.	Lodge	Location
1917			
Oct.	25...218	Stevenson.....	Toronto
Nov.	13... 6	Barton.....	Hamilton
Nov.	20...230	Kerr.....	Barrie
Nov.	29...537	Ulster.....	Toronto
Dec.	5... 33	Maitland.....	Goderich
Dec.	13... 30	Composite.....	Whitby
Dec.	14... 38	Trent.....	Trenton
1918			
Jan.	5...491	Cardinal.....	Cardinal
Jan.	29...530	Cochrane.....	Cochrane
Jan.	30... 17	St. John's.....	Cobourg
Feb.	6... 35	St. John's.....	Cayuga
Feb.	16...129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora
March	21...401	Craig.....	Deseronto

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER.

1917			
Date	No.	Lodge	Location
July	10...352	Granite.....	Parry Sound
Sept.	7...268	Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon
Sept.	8...372	Palmer.....	Bridgeburg
Sept.	28...149	Erie.....	Port Dover
Sept.	29...528	Golden Beaver.....	Timmins
Oct.	10...474	Victoria.....	Toronto
Oct.	15...373	Copestone.....	Welland
Oct.	25...145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook
Nov.	1...494	Riverdale.....	Toronto
Nov.	1...285	Seven Star.....	Alliston
Nov.	14...533	Shamrock.....	Toronto
Nov.	15...131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton
Nov.	22...421	Scott.....	Grand Valley
Nov.	23...329	King Solomon.....	Jarvis
Nov.	30...295	Conestogo.....	Drayton
Nov.	30...400	Oakville.....	Oakville
Nov.	30...510	Parkdale.....	Toronto
Dec.	1...169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne
Dec.	5... 22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto
Dec.	5...426	Stanley.....	Toronto
Dec.	5...415	Fort William.....	Fort William
Dec.	5... 15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines
Dec.	13...217	Frederick.....	Delhi
Dec.	14...219	Credit.....	Georgetown
Dec.	15... 72	Alma.....	Galt
Dec.	15...430	Acacia.....	Toronto

Amendments to By-Laws Confirmed by the M. W. the Grand
Master—Continued.

Date 1917	No.	Lodge	Location
Dec.	19 438	Harmony.....	Toronto
Dec.	19 384	Alpha.....	Toronto
Dec.	20 249	Caledonian..	Midland
1918			
Jan.	2 40	St. John's.....	Hamilton
Jan.	2 247	Ashlar.....	Toronto
Jan.	8 524	Mississauga.....	Port Credit
Jan.	8 221	Mountain.....	Thorold
Jan.	15 94	St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley
Jan.	15 537	Ulster.....	Toronto
Jan.	22 250	Thistle.....	Embro
Jan.	22 419	Bismarck.....	Sarnia
Jan.	23 531	High Park.....	Toronto
Jan.	26 369	Mimico.....	Lambton Mills
Jan.	29 334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
Jan.	29 530	Cochrane.....	Cochrane
Jan.	31 429	Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
Feb.	5 430	Acacia.....	Toronto
Feb.	5 81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges
Feb.	6 296	Temple.....	St. Catharines
Feb.	6 156	York.....	Toronto
Feb.	9 287	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur
Feb.	15 477	Harding.....	Woodville
Feb.	15 142	Excelsior.....	Morrisburg
Feb.	16 476	Corinthian.....	North Gower
Feb.	16 147	Mississippi.....	Almonte
March	5 174	Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
March	5 297	Preston.....	Preston
March	5 200a	St. John's.....	London
March	13 96	Corinthian.....	Barrie
March	13 220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge
March	14 305	Humber.....	Weston
March	14 46	Wellington.....	Chatham
March	21 414	Pequonga.....	Kenora
March	21 499	Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur
March	25 55	Merrickville.....	Merrickville
March	26 57	Harmony.....	Binbrook
April	10 69	Stirling.....	Stirling
April	11 367	St. George.....	Toronto
April	12 470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbour
April	15 436	Burns.....	Hepworth
May	3 334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
May	11 409	Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst
May	11 316	Doric.....	Toronto
May	14 148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa
May	25 27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton
May	28 24	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls
May	28 177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.

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Date 1917	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
July	20	348 Georgian	Penetanguishene	Divine Service
July	23	537 Ulster	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
July	26	408 Murray	Beaverton	Divine Service
July	28	250 Thistle	Embro	Divine Service
July	30	185 Enniskillen	York	Divine Service
July	31	190 Belmont	Belmont	Divine Service
Aug.	1	370 Harmony	Delta	Divine Service
Aug.	1	434 Algonquin	Emsdale	Divine Service
Aug.	2	47 Great Western	Windsor	To hold a picnic
Aug.	4	521 Ontario	Windsor	Confer d's within tm.
Aug.	13	518 Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	Confer d'e within tm.
Aug.	16	47 Great Western	Windsor	Confer d's within tm.
Aug.	17	513 Corinthian	Hamilton	To hold a picnic.
Aug.	20	285 Seven Star	Alliston	Confer d's within tm.
Aug.	21	196 Madawaska	Arnprior	Divine Service
Aug.	22	343 Georgina	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
Aug.	31	357 Waterdown	Millgrove	Divine Service
Sept.	4	267 Parthenon	Chatham	Divine Service
Sept.	4	164 Star in the East	Wellington	Divine Service
Sept.	5	153 Burns	Wyoming	Divine Service
Sept.	6	141 Tudor	Mitchell	Confer d's within tm.
Sept.	11	302 St. David's	St. Thomas	Confer d's within tm.
Sept.	11	426 Stanley	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Sept.	13	271 Wellington	Erin	To install
Sept.	14	76 Oxford	Woodstock	Confer d's within tm.
Sept.	15	34 Thistle	Amherstburg	Divine Service
Sept.	17	502 Coronation	Smithville	Divine Service
Sept.	18	466 Coronation	Elmvale	Divine Service
Sept.	18	268 Verulam	Bobcaygeon	Change night of mtg.
Sept.	19	27 Strict Observance	Hamilton	To initiate.
Sept.	21	388 Henderson	Ilderton	Divine Service
Sept.	21	272 Seymour	Ancaster	Divine Service
Sept.	24	40 St. John's	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
Sept.	24	364 Dufferin	Melbourne	Divine Service
Sept.	25	531 High Park	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Sept.	26	16 St. Andrew's	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Sept.	27	66 Durham	Newcastle	Confer d's within tm.
Sept.	27	100 Valley	Dundas	Change night of mtg.
Sept.	28	369 Mimico	Lambton Mills	Change night of mtg.
Sept.	29	533 Shamrock	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	1	430 Acacia	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Oct.	1	220 Zeredatha	Uxbridge	Lodge of Instruction
Oct.	2	38 Trent	Trenton	Confer d'e within tm.
Oct.	5	299 Victoria	Centreville	Lodge of Instruction
Oct.	5	255 Sydenham	Dresden	Divine Service
Oct.	5	54 Vaughan	Maple	Divine Service
Oct.	10	261 Oak Branch	Innerkip	Divine Service
Oct.	12	15 St. George's	St. Catharines	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	16	295 Connestogo	Drayton	To initiate
Oct.	17	5 Sussex	Brockville	Confer d's within tm.

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Date 1917	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
Oct.	19	486 Silver	Cobalt	To elect
Oct.	19	486 Silver	Cobalt	To install
Oct.	20	120 Warren	Fingal	To initiate
Oct.	20	475 Dundurn	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	23	384 Alpha	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Oct.	24	491 Cardinal	Cardinal	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	25	156 York	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
Oct.	26	128 Pembroke	Pembroke	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	27	438 Harmony	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	27	11 Moira	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	30	496 University	Toronto	Lodge of Instruction
Oct.	31	119 Maple Leaf	Bath	To elect
Oct.	31	496 University	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	2	312 Pnyx	Wallaceburg	To elect
Nov.	2	245 Tecumseh	Thamesville	To elect
Nov.	2	181 Oriental	Port Burwell	To elect
Nov.	2	493 St. Marys	St. Marys	Divine Service
Nov.	6	10 Norfolk	Simcoe	To elect
Nov.	7	140 Malahide	Aylmer	Confer d'e within tm.
Nov.	8	164 Star in the East	Wellington	To elect
Nov.	10	420 Nipissing	North Bay	Divine Service
Nov.	10	55 Merrickville	Merrickville	To elect
Nov.	13	253 Minden	Kingston	Confer d'e within tm.
Nov.	13	426 Stanley	Toronto	Divine Service
Nov.	14	5 Sussex	Brockville	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	16	75 St. John's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	16	403 Windsor	Windsor	At Home
Nov.	16	359 Vittoria	Vittoria	Divine Service
Nov.	19	76 Oxford	Woodstock	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	20	283 Eureka	Belleville	To elect
Nov.	20	439 Alexandria	Alexandria	To initiate
Nov.	20	58 Doric	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	20	234 Beaver	Clarksburg	To elect
Nov.	21	35 St. John's	Cayuga	To elect
Nov.	21	261 Oak Branch	Innerkip	To install
Nov.	21	216 Harris	Orangeville	To elect
Nov.	21	58 Doric	Ottawa	Confer d'e within tm.
Nov.	22	523 Royal Arthur	Peterborough	To install
Nov.	24	279 New Hope	Hespeler	To install
Nov.	24	339 Orient	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
Nov.	24	169 Macnab	Port Colborne	To elect
Nov.	24	161 Percy	Warkworth	To elect
Nov.	26	517 Hazeldean	Hazeldean	Confer d'e within tm.
Nov.	26	386 McColl	West Lorne	Confer d'e within tm.
Nov.	27	249 Caledonian	Midland	Change night of mtg.
Nov.	27	115 Ivy	Beamsville	To elect
Nov.	27	488 King Edward	Harrow	To elect
Nov.	27	144 Tecumseh	Stratford	To initiate
Nov.	27	347 Georgian	Penetanguishene	Confer d'e within tm.
Nov.	27	243 St. George	St. George	To install

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Date 1917	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
Nov.	27 22	King Solomon's	Toronto	To elect
Nov.	27 27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	27 127	Franck	Frankford	To elect
Nov.	28 499	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	To install
Nov.	28 168	Merritt	Welland	To elect
Nov.	28 320	Chesterville	Chesterville	To elect
Nov.	28 222	Marmora	Marmora	To elect
Nov.	29 337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	Change night of mtg.
Nov.	29 478	Milverton	Milverton	Change night of mtg.
Nov.	29 247	Ashlar	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
Nov.	29 48	Madoc	Madoc	To elect
Nov.	29 16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Nov.	29 223	Norwood	Norwood	To elect
Nov.	30 72	Alma	Galt	To elect
Nov.	30 32	Amity	Dunnville	To elect
Nov.	30 396	Cedar	Warton	To elect
Nov.	30 347	Mercer	Fergus	To elect
Nov.	30 157	Simpson	Newboro'	To elect
Nov.	30 UD	Kitchener	Port McNicoll	Divine Service
Nov.	30 421	Scott	Grand Valley	To elect
Dec.	1 362	Maple Leaf	Tara	To elect
Dec.	1 11	Moir	Belleville	To elect
Dec.	1 38	Trent	Trenton	To elect
Dec.	3 481	Corinthian	Toronto	To install
Dec.	3 326	Zetland	Toronto	To install
Dec.	3 29	United	Brighton	Change night of mtg.
Dec.	3 253	Minden	Kingston	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	3 384	Alpha	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	4 2	Niagara	Niagara	To elect
Dec.	4 470	Victoria	Victoria Harbour	To elect
Dec.	4 494	Riverdale	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	4 143	Friendly Bros.	Iroquois	To elect
Dec.	5 81	St. John's	Mount Brydges	To elect
Dec.	5 81	St. John's	Mount Brydges	To install
Dec.	6 450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	To elect
Dec.	6 56	Victoria	Sarnia	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	6 388	Henderson	Ilderton	To elect
Dec.	6 29	United	Brighton	To initiate
Dec.	6 253	Minden	Kingston	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	6 525	Temple	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
Dec.	6 63	St. John's	Carleton Place	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	6 423	Strong	Sundridge	Change night of mtg.
Dec.	7 141	Tudor	Mitchell	To elect
Dec.	7 458	Wales	Wales	To elect
Dec.	7 109	Albion	Harrowsmith	To elect
Dec.	7 376	Unity	Huntsville	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	8 386	McColl	West Lorne	To elect
Dec.	8 497	St. Andrew's	Arden	To elect
Dec.	8 438	Harmony	Toronto	To install
Dec.	8 361	Waverley	Guelph	Confer d's within tm.

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Date 1917	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
Dec. 10	523	Shamrock.....	Toronto..	Confer d's within tm.
Dec. 10	287	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec. 10	16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Dec. 10	513	Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec. 11	149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec. 12	339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	To install
Dec. 13	334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	To elect
Dec. 13	383	Henderson.....	Winchester.....	To elect
Dec. 14	101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	Change hour of mtg.
Dec. 13	52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec. 14	361	Waverley.....	Guelph.....	To install
Dec. 14	54	Vaughan.....	Maple.....	To elect
Dec. 15	15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec. 15	34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec. 15	114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Dec. 18	457	Century.....	Merlin.....	To install
Dec. 18	439	Alexandria.....	Alexandria.....	Change hour of mtg.
Dec. 18	471	King Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	To install
Dec. 18	22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Dec. 18	155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....	Change hour of mtg.
Dec. 18	109	Albion.....	Harrowsmith.....	To install
Dec. 19	22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	To initiate
Dec. 19	300	Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	To elect
Dec. 20	466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	To install
Dec. 22	492	Karnak.....	Coldwater.....	To install
Dec. 22	136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	Confer d's within tm.
Dec. 22	108	Blenhiem.....	Princeton.....	Confer d's within tm.
Dec. 24	318	Wilmot.....	Baden.....	To initiate
Dec. 24	384	Alpha.....	Toronto.....	Change hour of mtg.
Dec. 26	141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	To install
Dec. 27	348	Georgian.....	Penetanguishene.....	To install
Dec. 28	104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	Confer d's within tm.
Dec. 28	497	St. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	To install
Dec. 28	68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	To install
Dec. 29	209a	St. John's.....	London.....	To install
Dec. 31	128	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Dec. 31	50	Consecon.....	Consecon.....	To install
Dec. 31	153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	To install
Dec. 31	304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	Confer d's within tm.
Dec. 31	466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	To initiate

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Jan.	2	154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	To install
Jan.	2	498	King George V.....	Coboconk.....	To install
Jan.	2	421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	To install
Jan.	2	479	Russell.....	Russell.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	3	290	Leamington.....	Leamington.....	To install
Jan.	4	86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	To install
Jan.	4	460	Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	To install
Jan.	7	121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	Confer d's within tm.

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Date 1918	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
Jan.	8. 368.	Salem.....	Brockville.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	9. 446.	Granite.....	Fort Frances.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	10 436.	Burns.....	Hepworth.....	To install
Jan.	10 140.	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	11. 291.	Dufferin.....	W. Flamboro'.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	14. 513.	Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Jan.	14. 85.	Rising Sun.....	Athens.....	To elect
Jan.	14. 85.	Rising Sun.....	Athens.....	To install
Jan.	15. 16.	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	15. 231.	Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	To install
Jan.	17. 519.	Onondaga.....	Onondaga.....	To install
Jan.	17. 411.	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	To install
Jan.	17. 357.	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	To initiate
Jan.	18. 106.	Burford.....	Burford.....	To install
Jan.	18. 75.	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	21. 444.	Nitetis.....	Creemore.....	To install
Jan.	21. 86.	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	22. 394.	King Solomon's.....	Thamesford.....	At. Home
Jan.	22. 389.	Crystal Fountain.....	N. Augusta.....	To install
Jan.	22. 359.	Vittoria.....	Vittoria.....	To install
Jan.	23. 231.	Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	24. 425.	St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	To install
Jan.	25. 144.	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Jan.	28. 410.	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Jan.	28. 445.	Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	30. 496.	University.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	31. 319.	Hiram.....	Hagersville.....	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	31. 156.	York.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	6. 520.	Coronati.....	Toronto.....	To hold an At Home
Feb.	9. 75.	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	12. 346.	Occident.....	Toronto.....	To hold an At Home
Feb.	12. 3.	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Feb.	13. 34.	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	To install
Feb.	15. 43.	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	To initiate
Feb.	15. 466.	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	At. Home
Feb.	16. 75.	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	19. 151.	Grand River.....	Kitchener.....	At Home
Feb.	19. 531.	High Park.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	20. 411.	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	20. 177.	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Feb.	20. 496.	University.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	20. 513.	Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	At Home
Feb.	20. 156.	York.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	20. 533.	Shamrock.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	21. 30.	Composite.....	Whitby.....	To initiate
Feb.	21. 448.	Zenophon.....	Wheatley.....	To initiate
Feb.	22. 430.	Acacia.....	Toronto.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Feb.	23. 531.	High Park.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	25. 522.	Mount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	25. 300.	Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	At Home

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Date 1918	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
Feb.	28	125. Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	1	266 Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Mar.	2	513 Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	4	78. King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Mar.	4	294 Moore.....	Courtright.....	Divine Service
Mar.	4	245 Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	At Home
Mar.	5	367 St. George.....	Toronto.....	Change hour of mtg.
Mar.	5	121 Doric.....	Brantford.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	6	438 Harmony.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	6	496 University.....	Toronto.....	Change hour of mtg.
Mar.	6	154 Irving.....	Lucan.....	To initiate
Mar.	7	16 St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	9	344 Merrill.....	Dorchester.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	11	62 St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	12	532 Canada.....	Toronto.....	At Home
Mar.	13	52 Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	13	383 Henderson.....	Winchester.....	To initiate
Mar.	14	149 Erie.....	Port Dover.....	To initiate
Mar.	15	218 Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	Change hour of mtg.
Mar.	15	44 St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	Change hour of mtg.
Mar.	15	44 St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	At Home
Mar.	15	44 St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	16	533 Shamrock.....	Toronto.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Mar.	16	169 Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Mar.	19	361 Waverley.....	Guelph.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	20	339 Orient.....	Toronto.....	Change hour of mg.
Mar.	20	47 Great Western.....	Windsor.....	At Home
Mar.	20	324 Temple.....	Hamilton.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	22	496 University.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	22	86 Wilson.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	22	201 Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	25	500 Rose.....	Windsor.....	At Home
Mar.	28	384 Alpha.....	Toronto.....	Change hour of mtg.
Mar.	28	258 Guelph.....	Guelph.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	28	149 Erie.....	Port Dover.....	At Home
Mar.	28	62 St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	Confer d's within tm.
Mar.	28	14 True Britons.....	Perth.....	Confre d's within tm.
Mar.	28	233 Doric.....	Parkhill.....	Confer d's within tm.
April	1	2 Niagara.....	Niagara.....	To initiate
April	1	231 Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	Confer d'e within tm.
April	1	110 Central.....	Prescott.....	Confer d's within tm.
April	1	493 St. Marys.....	St. Marys.....	Confer d's within tm.
April	4	151 Grand River.....	Kitchener.....	Lodge of Instruction.
April	4	151 Grand River.....	Kitchener.....	Divine Service
April	4	509 Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	Change night of mtg.
April	4	523 Royal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	Change night of mtg.
April	4	333 Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	Divine Service
April	4	37 King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	Divine Service
April	8	531 High Park.....	Toronto.....	Change night of mtg.
April	8	531 High Park.....	Toronto.....	At Home

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Date 1918	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
April	8 531	High Park	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	8 403	Windsor	Windsor	At Home
April	8 339	Orient	Toronto	At Home
April	9 16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	9 23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	At Home
April	10 343	Georgina	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	10 209a	St. John's	London	Change night of mtg.
April	19 123	Belleville	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
April	11 488	King Edward	Harrow	Divine Service
April	11 524	Mississagua	Port Credit	To initiate
April	11 357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Confer d's within tm.
April	15 44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Lodge of Instruction.
April	15 531	High Park	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	15 368	Salem	Brockville	Confer d's within tm.
April	16 231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Confer d'e within tm.
April	16 533	Shamrock	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
April	17 534	Englehart	Englehart	Confer d'e within tm.
April	17 46	Wellington	Chatham	Divine Service
April	18 474	Victoria	Toronto	Degrees within time.
April	18 20	St. John's	London	Confer d's within tm.
April	18 425	St. Clair	Sombra	To initiate
April	19 496	University	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	19 400	Oakville	Oakville	Confer d's within tm.
April	20 283	Eureka	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
April	22 148	Civil Service	Ottawa	Confer d'e within tm.
April	22 507	Elk Lake	Elk Lake	At Home
April	22 302	St. David's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	22 517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	Confer d's within tm.
April	24 47	Great Western	Windsor	At Home
April	24 75	St. John's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	26 361	Waverley	Guelph	Confer d's within tm.
April	26 300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Confer d's within tm.
April	26 489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	Confer d's within tm.
April	26 190	Belmont	Belmont	Confer d'e within tm.
April	27 121	Doric	Brantford	Confer d's within tm.
April	27 445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora	Confer d's within tm.
April	27 283	Eureka	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
April	27 537	Ulster	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	29 513	Corinthian	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
April	30 47	Great Western	Windsor	Confer d'e within tm.
April	30 44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Confer d's within tm.
May	1 UD	Waterloo	Waterloo	Confer d's within tm.
May	2 319	Hiram	Hagersville	Confer d's within tm.
May	2 63	St. John's	Carleton Place	Confer d's within tm.
May	2 43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	Confer d'e within tm.
May	3 371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
May	3 525	Temple	Toronto	To initiate
May	3 297	Preston	Preston	Change date of mtg.
May	3 302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Confer d's within tm.
May	4 305	Humber	Weston	Change night of mtg.

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Date 1918	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
May	4 535	Phoenix	Fonthill	Confer d's within tm.
May	6 230	Kerr	Barrie	Confer d's within tm.
May	6 114	Hope	Port Hope	Confer d's within tm.
May	7 361	Waverley	Guelph	Confer d'e within tm.
May	7 25	Ionic	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	7 410	Zeta	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
May	7 445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora	Confer d'e within tm.
May	7 531	High Park	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
May	9 362	Maple Leaf	Tara	Confer d's within tm.
May	9 34	Thistle	Amherstburg	Divine Service
May	10 531	High Park	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	10 259	Springfield	Springfield	Lodge of Instruction
May	10 161	Percy	Warkworth	Divine Service
May	10 52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
May	11 487	Penewobikong	Blind River	At Home
May	11 158	Alexandria	Oil Springs	Divine Service
May	13 403	Windsor	Windsor	Confer d'e within tm.
May	13 291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro'	Confer d's within tm.
May	14 161	Percy	Warkworth	Confer d's within tm.
May	14 97	Sharon	Queensville	Confer d's within tm.
May	14 435	Havelock	Havelock	Divine Service
May	14 277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	Confer d's within tm.
May	14 285	Seven Star	Alliston	Confer d's within tm.
May	14 217	Frederick	Delhi	Confer d's within tm.
May	14 16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	14 64	Kilwinning	London	Confer d's within tm.
May	14 517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	Confer d's within tm.
May	15 494	Riverdale	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
May	15 216	Harris	Orangeville	Confer d's within tm.
May	16 464	King Edward	Sunderland	Confer d's within tm.
May	16 258	Guelph	Guelph	Confer d's within tm.
May	16 391	Howard	Ridgetown	Confer d's within tm.
May	17 11	Moira	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
May	17 161	Percy	Warkworth	To initiate
May	17 472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	Divine Service
May	17 522	Mount Sinai	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	17 203	Irvine	Elora	Confer d's within tm.
May	18 192	Orillia	Orillia	Divine Service
May	20 513	Corinthian	Hamilton	Confer d'e within tm.
May	20 517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	Confer d's within tm.
May	21 296	Temple	St. Catharines	Confer d'e within tm.
May	21 126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	Confer d's within tm.
May	21 126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	Divine Service
May	21 371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	Change night of mtg.
May	21 426	Stanley	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	22 326	Zetland	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
May	22 517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	Divine Service
May	22 511	Connaught	Fort William	Confer d's within tm.
May	23 224	Zurich	Hensall	Divine Service
May	25 497	St. Andrew's	Arden	Divine Service

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Date 1918	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
May	25 490	Hiram	Markdale	Confer d's within tm.
May	25 233	Doric	Parkhill	Divine Service
May	25 277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	Divine Service
May	27 398	Victoria	Kirkfield	Divine Service
May	27 476	Corinthian	North Gower	Divine Service
May	27 476	Corinthian	North Gower	Confer d's within tm.
May	27 86	Wilson	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	28 393	Forest	Chesley	Lodge of Instruction
May	28 249	Caledonian	Midland	Divine Service
May	28 26	Ontario	Port Hope	Confer d's within tm.
May	28 61	Acacia	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
May	28 465	Carleton	Carp	Divine Service
May	28 504	Otter	Lombardy	To install
May	28 215	Lake	Ameliasburg	Confer d'e within tm.
May	29 483	Granton	Granton	Divine Service
May	29 37	King Solomon's	Ingersoll	Confer d's within tm.
May	29 459	Cobden	Cobden	Confer d's within tm.
May	29 489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	To elect
May	29 484	Golden Star	Dryden	Divine Service
May	30 195	Tuscan	London	Confer d's within tm.
May	30 55	Merrickville	Merrickville	Divine Service
May	31 82	St. John's	Paris	Divine Service
May	31 48	Madoc	Madoc	Divine Service
June	1 396	Cedar	Warton	To initiate
June	1 43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	Confer d'e within tm.
June	1 256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	Divine Service
June	1 519	Onondaga	Onondaga	Divine Service
June	3 166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Confer d's within tm.
June	3 177	The Builders	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
June	3 329	King Solomon's	Jarvis	Divine Service
June	3 221	Mountain	Thorold	Divine Service
June	3 420	Nipissing	North Bay	Divine Service
June	4 107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Divine Service
June	4 93	Northern Light	Kincardine	Divine Service
June	4 300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Divine Service
June	4 343	Georgina	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	4 428	Fidelity	Port Perry	Confer d's within tm.
June	5 91	Colborne	Colborne	Divine Service
June	5 389	Crystal Fountain	North Augusta	Divine Service
June	5 141	Tudor	Mitchell	Confer d's within tm.
June	5 159	Goodwood	Richmond	Divine Service
June	5 321	Walker	Acton	Divine Service
June	5 143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Divine Service
June	5 119	Maple Leaf	Bath	Divine Service
June	5 473	The Beaches	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	6 122	Renfrew	Renfrew	Divine Service
June	6 379	Middlesex	Bryanston	Confer d's within tm.
June	7 115	Ivy	Beamsville	To initiate
June	7 25	Ionic	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	7 135	St. Clair	Milton	Confer d's within tm.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date 1918	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
June	7 439	Alexandria	Alexandria	Divine Service
June	7 531	High Park	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	10 52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
June	10 75	St. John's	Toronto	To elect
June	10 339	Orient	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	10 388	Henderson	Ilderton	Divine Service
June	10 431	Moravian	Cargill	To install
June	10 3	Ancient St. John's	Kingston	Confer d's within tm.
June	10 44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Confer d'e within tm.
June	10 289	Doric	Lobo	Confer d's within tm.
June	10 84	Clinton	Clinton	To install
June	10 159	Goodwood	Richmond	Confer d's within tm.
June	10 485	Haileybury	Haileybury	Divine Service
June	10 528	Golden Beaver	Timmins	Divine Service
June	10 185	Enniskillen	York	Divine Service
June	10 312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	Divine Service
June	10 219	Credit	Georgetown	Divine Service
June	10 518	Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	Divine Service
June	11 37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	Divine Service
June	11 250	Thistle	Embro	Confer d's within tm.
June	11 314	Blair	Palmerston	Confer d's within tm.
June	11 232	Cameron	Dutton	Divine Service
June	11 114	Hope	Port Hope	Divine Service
June	11 239	Tweed	Tweed	Divine Service
June	11 412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	Divine Service
June	11 9	Union	Napanee	Divine Service
June	12 400	Oakville	Oakville	Divine Service
June	12 409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	Divine Service
June	12 11	Moir	Belleville	Divine Service
June	12 283	Eureka	Belleville	Divine Service
June	12 345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Divine Service
June	12 105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	Picnic
June	12 231	Fidelity	Ottawa	Confer d'e within tm.
June	13 450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Divine Service
June	13 304	Minerva	Stroud	Confer d's within tm.
June	13 440	Arcadia	Minden	Divine Service
June	13 52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	To install
June	13 511	Conaught	Fort William	Divine Service
June	13 361	Waverley	Guelph	Change night of mtg.
June	13 385	Spry	Beeton	Divine Service
June	13 225	Bernard	Listowel	Divine Service
June	13 201	Leeds	Gananoque	Divine Service
June	13 299	Victoria	Centreville	Divine Service
June	13 452	Avonmore	Avonmore	Divine Service
June	14 47	Great Western	Windsor	Excursion
June	14 17	St. John's	Cobourg	Divine Service
June	14 487	Penewobikong	Blind River	Divine Service
June	14 185	Old Light	Lucknow	Divine Service
June	15 354	Brock	Cannington	Divine Service
June	15 287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	Divine Service

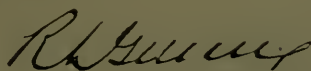
DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date 1918	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
June	15	287 Shuniah	Port Arthur.	Change night of mtg.
June	15	495 Electric	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
June	15	375 Lorne	Omeme.	Divine Service
June	15	516 Enterprise	Beechburg	Divine Service
June	17	201 Leeds	Gananoque	Confer d's within tm.
June	17	168 Merritt	Welland	Divine Service
June	17	405 Mattawa	Mattawa	Decorate graves
June	17	58 Doric	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
June	17	254 Clifton	Niagara Falls	Divine Service
June	17	513 Corinthian	Hamilton	Degree within time.
June	17	496 University	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	17	58 Doric	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
June	17	29 United	Brighton	Confer d's within tm.
June	17	469 Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	Divine Service
June	17	236 Manitoba	Cookstown	Divine Service
June	17	142 Excelsior	Morrisburg	Divine Service
June	17	43 King Solomon's	Woodstock	Divine Service
June	17	22 King Solomon's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	17	30 Composite	Whitby	Divine Service
June	17	482 Bancroft	Bancroft	Divine Service
June	18	444 Nitetis	Creemore	Divine Service
June	18	88 St. George's	Owen Sound	Divine Service
June	18	260 Washington	Petrolia	Divine Service
June	18	327 Hammond	Wardsville	Confer d's within tm.
June	18	491 Cardinal	Cardinal	Divine Service
June	18	441 Westport	Westport	Divine Service
June	18	462 Temiscaming	New Liskeard	Divine Service
June	18	493 St. Marys	St. Marys	Confer d's within tm.
June	19	302 St. David's	St. Thomas	Divine Service
June	19	356 River Park	Streetsville	Divine Service
June	19	319 Hiram	Hagersville	Confer d's within tm.
June	20	32 Amity	Dunnville	Confer d's within tm.
June	20	32 Amity	Dunnville	Divine Service
June	20	522 Mount Sinai	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	20	534 Englehart	Englehart	Divine Service
June	21	520 Coronati	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	21	458 Wales	Wales	Divine Service
June	21	229 Ionic	Brampton	Confer d's within tm.
June	21	373 Copestone	Welland	Divine Service
June	21	77 Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	Divine Service
June	21	41 St. George's	Kingsville	Confer d's within tm.
June	22	114 Hope	Port Hope	Confer d's within tm.
June	22	92 Cataraqui	Kingston	Confer d's within tm.
June	22	484 Golden Star	Dryden	To install
June	22	470 Victoria	Victoria Harbor	Divine Service
June	22	489 Osiris	Smith's Falls	To install
June	24	404 Lorne	Tamworth	Divine Service
June	24	371 Prince of Wales	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
June	24	316 Doric	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	24	157 Simpson	Newboro'	Divine Service

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date 1918	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
June	24	86. Wilson	Toronto.	Confer d's within tm.
June	24	UD Abitibi	Iroquois Falls.	Divine Service
June	24	285. Seven Star.	Alliston.	Divine Service
June	24	474. Victoria.	Toronto.	Confer d's within tm.
June	24	68. St. John's	Ingersoll.	Confer d'e within tm.
June	24	514. St. Alban's.	Toronto.	Confer d's within tm.
June	25	6. Barton.	Hamilton.	Confer d's within tm.
June	25	38. Trent	Trenton.	Divine Service
June	25	514. St. Alban's.	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	26	143. Friendly Brothers.	Iroquois.	Confer d's within tm.
June	26	41. St. George's.	Kingsville.	Divine Service
June	26	44. St. Thomas.	St. Thomas.	Confer d's within tm.
June	26	386. McColl.	West Lorne	Divine Service
June	26	527. Espanola	Espanola	Divine Service
June	26	376. Unity.	Huntsville.	Divine Service
June	26	282. Lorne.	Glencoe.	Divine Service
June	26	69. Stirling.	Stirling.	Divine Service
June	26	110. Central.	Prescott	Divine Service
June	26	254. Clifton	Niagara Falls.	Confer d's within tm.
June	26	493. St. Marys.	St. Marys	Divine Service
June	26	146. Prince of Wales.	Newburgh.	Divine Service
June	27	145. J. B. Hall.	Millbrook.	Divine Service
June	27	463. North Entrance	Haliburton	To install
June	27	476. Corinthian.	North Gower.	Confer d's within tm.
June	27	285. Seven Star.	Alliston	Confer d's within tm.
June	27	205. New Dominion.	New Hamburg	Confer d's within tm.
June	28	498. King George V.	Cobokonk	Divine Service
June	28	215. Lake	Ameliasburg	To install
June	28	406. Spry.	Fenelon Falls.	Divine Service
June	28	459. Cobden.	Cobden.	Divine Service
June	28	408. Murray	Beaverton.	Divine Service
June	28	408. Murray	Beaverton.	Confer d's within tm.
June	28	327. Hammond	Wardsville	To elect
June	28	411. Rodney.	Rodney.	Confer d's within tm.
June	29	503. Inwood.	Inwood.	Divine Service
June	29	229. Ionic.	Brampton	Confer d's within tm.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone and

Resolved, that the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The acting Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton and

Resolved, that the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &
A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report on the Condition of Masonry in Erie District No. 1, during the year ending June 24th, 1918.

During my term of office I visited each lodge once, some of them twice, and others as many as three times. While all of the lodges expect an official visit, yet I found that by calling on them on other occasions I was better enabled to get in closer touch with the officers and members, as I found them in the actual conditions of their work, and I had more time to spend with them in talking matters over.

My first official act was, by permission of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the dedication of the lodge room of Naphtali Lodge No. 413, of Tilbury, on April 12th, 1918.

I also had the pleasure of performing the ceremony of healing, by authority of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, on Brother J. F. Keyes, of Detroit, Mich., who was a member of the so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario," the ceremony taking place in Great Western Lodge No. 47, Windsor.

I installed the officers of a number of the lodges in the district, and all the ceremonies have been an extreme pleasure to me as well as profitable. At the installation of the officers of Great Western Lodge No. 47, in which I assisted, I had the honour of sitting with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who was present on the occasion.

All the lodges in the district are in a prosperous and harmonious condition. During the year I am pleased to say that I was not called upon in a single instance to settle any differences between brethren or lodges, which speaks well for the district.

The work throughout the district is uniform, and creditably done, and while this is true, I find that there is the lack of perfecting our knowledge of the science, and I have endeavoured to convey the impression that we cannot understand and appreciate the beauty of our institution unless we become students of it. First of all, I recommended as a beginning to acquire this knowledge, that the constitution be read thoroughly and followed up by good Masonic reading. I have also advised that the Masters, on certain evenings, have an examination in the different degrees, especially the Master Mason's degree, and I am glad to report that already some lodges are incorporating in their monthly summons that at a certain meeting the examination of a visiting brother will be exemplified. also an examination in the three degrees, and I firmly believe if this was done, and at intervals have some member give a few minutes' talk on some Masonic subject, our meetings would be made more interesting.

A very successful lodge of instruction was held on April 12th, 1918, under the auspices of Leamington Lodge No. 290, of Leamington, Ont., when it was proposed to hold it in one of the towns outside of the cities of Windsor and Chatham, there were some doubts as to whether it could be successfully carried out, but we finally decided to try the experiment, and as a result the general expression of the lodges represented was, that it was one of the best ever held in the district; at any rate, it was a success and demonstrated that a lodge of instruction can be held in the smaller towns. I firmly believe it to be a great benefit to the neighbouring lodges and I only hope that some of the lodges will endeavour to repeat the undertaking. At this lodge of instruction Xenophon Lodge No. 448, of Wheatley, exemplified the first degree, and

Century Lodge, No. 457, of Merlin, the second degree, both of these lodges are to be congratulated on the manner in which they did the work, which was so nearly perfect that there was not a word of fault found, and I found on my visits to lodges afterwards that good results were derived from it. The four lodges of Windsor deserve special mention because of the part they took in contributing to the success of this lodge of instruction. They engaged a special car and came in goodly numbers and they certainly sustained their record of being very enthusiastic in such matters. Great Western Lodge No. 47 exemplified the third degree in their usual capable manner.

Having now referred to the business of the year in a general way, I do not deem it necessary to take up time and space in going into details of each visit, and I will refrain from doing so.

With all appreciation of the great honour which has been mine in being permitted to preside as District Deputy Grand Master during the year, my sincere wish is, under Divine approval, that we may have a continuance of the prosperity and happiness we have enjoyed.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES L. BAIRD, D.D.G.M.,

Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Erie District No. 1, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased	Mect's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arre's	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance			
				Increase during year	Decrease during year	F. A.	F. C.						M. M.													
														Regular	Emergent									Total		
341	Thistle.....	Amerherstburg.....	1140	9		7	6	5	4	1	1		5	12	17	25	.....	20	Jan.	1	1918	Good	Yes	\$ 800 00	
41	St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	195	7		7	11	5	1	1			12	21	30	50	00 15	100 00	June	30	1917	Good	Yes	2880 00		
46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	281	7		21	13	12		8	2		3	12	25	38	21 75	6 35	65	Dec.	27	1917	Excel't	Yes	1200 00	
47	Great Western..	Windsor.....	758	60		60	50	48	7				4	12	11	53	75 290	00 39	660 00	Dec.	27	1917	Excel't	Yes	500 00	
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	320	19		25	17	18		2	2		2	13	27	40	48	180 00	22	162 00	Jan.	11	1918	Good	Yes	Bd. Cntl
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	144	12		13	12	10	2	3			15	10	25	20	25	00 12	80 00	Dec.	31	1917	Good	Yes	1800 00	
290	Leamington.....	Leamington.....	190	6		9	8	6	3		3		2	10	5	15	25 138	00 15	145 00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	No	300 00	
305	Parvain.....	Comber.....	61			1	2	2		2			9	9	10	.....	20	169 30	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	800 00	
402	Central.....	Essex.....	110	9		6	4	6	3	1			1	13	4	17	19	31	114 00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	No	Trustees	
403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	461	20		28	32	27	4	4			9	12	35	17	10	750 00	1	8 00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	1000 00
413	Naphtali.....	Tilbury.....	95	2		3	2	3		1			12	5	17	21	257 00	11	75 00	Jan.	8	1918	Fair	Yes	300 00	
448	Xenophon.....	Wheatley.....	55	1		2	2	2	1	1	2		11	11	11	10	.....	9	67 50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	No	None
457	Century.....	Merlin.....	61	4		12	11	11	1	4	4		1	9	17	26	15	6	21 50	June	30	1917	Good	Yes	350 00	
488	King Edward.....	Harrow.....	88	5		6	4	5	1	1			1	12	3	15	25	4	32 00	Dec.	31	1917	Good	Yes	Trustees
500	Rose.....	Windsor.....	81	1		2	2	2	2				1	10	10	20	18	4	32 00	June	24	1917	Good	Yes	500 00
521	Ontario.....	Windsor.....	167	11		14	23	27		7			6	7	13	30	.....	10	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	500 00	

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1a.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with much pleasure that I tender my report on the condition of Masonry in the district which I have had the honour of representing for the past year.

I have visited each lodge once officially and a number of them I have visited several times. Masonry in Erie District No. 1a is in a flourishing condition, the work being well done throughout the district, and I can report perfect harmony and progress from one end of the district to the other. I wish particularly to thank the officers and members of my mother lodge (McColl, 386), for the kind manner in which they have assisted me in my visits to the lodges of the district and especially R. W. Bro. Webster, who was always ready to give me any assistance in his power.

Lodges Visited.

On September 24th, 1917, I paid my first official visit, which was to Tecumseh Lodge No. 245, Thamesville. I found everything in a prosperous condition; W. Bro. Winters conferred the second degree on a very bright candidate and all the officers performed their duties in a creditable manner.

On September 26th, 1917, I visited Star of the East Lodge No. 422, Bothwell. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Prout and a well skilled staff of officers. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren from neighbouring lodges. A pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

On September 27th, 1917, I visited Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Jeff, the W. M. being ill. The work was well done; the lodge is in a healthy condition and finances are good.

On September 28th, 1917, I visited Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Sta. The second degree was put on. The work of the lodge was fair, that of the Master being excellent.

On October 24th, 1917, Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton, was visited. Wor. Bro. McKellor and his able staff of officers exemplified the third degree in a manner which reflects credit on the lodge. The financial affairs of the lodge are in a prosperous condition.

On October 25th, 1917, I visited Lorne Lodge No. 282, Glencoe. W. Bro. McKellar, W.M., worked the first degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge is doing good work and is in a healthy condition.

On November 23rd, 1917, I visited Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate. W. Bro. McColl and officers exemplified the second degree, P.M. Attridge filling J.W.'s chair. The work was well done.

On November 27th, 1917, I visited Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal. W. Bro. Munroe and officers conferred the first degree in a manner which reflects credit on a lodge of their size.

On November 28th, 1917, I visited Dufferin Lodge No. 364, Melbourne. W. Bro. Laidlaw and officers conferred the first and third degrees in an irreproachable manner, the charges, as given by W. Bro. Stevenson, being seldom equalled. The candidate in the third degree was one of the best I have seen.

On December 6th, 1917, I visited the St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, W. Bro. Taylor in the chair. This being election night, no degrees were worked, but, as I have visited this lodge several times, I have seen all three degrees worked and was much impressed by them.

On December 11th, 1917, I visited St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley, W. M. McQuinn in the chair. It being the election of officers, no work

was done except to open and close in the several degrees. This lodge is in good condition and appears to be doing good work.

On February 21st, 1918, I paid my official visit to St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Raven and his officers. The work was well done.

On February 22nd, 1918, I visited Florence Lodge, No. 390. The first and second degrees were worked by the regular officers of the lodge in a manner worthy of praise.

On March 25th, 1918, I visited Howard Lodge, Ridgetown. W. Bro. Campbell and officers conferred four first degrees in a creditable manner. As I have had the pleasure of sitting in this lodge a number of times I find the work improving. I received a very hearty welcome here, which was doubly pleasing to me as this is my old home town.

On March 29th (Good Friday), 1918, I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of Malahide Lodge, No. 140, on the occasion of the visit of the M. W. the Grand Master to that lodge. I think such visits of Grand Lodge officers are a benefit to the craft. A pleasurable and profitable evening was spent.

April 4th, 1918, I visited St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, on the occasion of the Centennial of Masonry in that district. The principal speakers were R. W. Bros. Roe, Clutton and Rev. McGillivray. An evening never to be forgotten was spent by all present.

On April, 22nd, 1918, I visited Hammond Lodge, No. 327, W. Bro. Conley officiated in the absence of W. Bro. Whallen, who was prevented from attending by illness. The officers did their work in a pleasing manner. This lodge is to be congratulated on the improvement they are making.

On April 23rd, 1918, I visited McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne. There was no work for the evening. W. Bro. Turner and officers opened and

closed in the three degrees. As I have several times sat in this lodge in the last year, I have seen all three degrees exemplified and know that they are doing good work.

On April 24th, 1918, I visited Rodney Lodge, No. 411. The first degree was worked in a very creditable manner by W. Bo Yorke and officers. R. W. Bro. Thorneycroft was present and delivered a splendid address.

On May 1st, 1918, under Dispensation from Grand Lodge, I held a Lodge of Instruction in St. Thomas', No. 44. The first degree was worked by No. 44, the second by Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal, and the third by Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton. All of the work was done in a very impressive manner. There was a good attendance and the criticisms must have been beneficial to all present.

On May 22nd, 1918, I visited Malahide Lodge, No. 140, officially. W. Bro. Devonport and officers conferred the third degree in an excellent manner. This lodge is among the best in the district.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members in Erie District 1a for the honour conferred on me, and for the kindnesses extended to me throughout my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. CONWAY, D.D.G.M.,

Erie District No. 1a.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Erie District No. 1a, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Confi'd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arre'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance									
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.							M. M.	Regular	Emergency									Total	Aver. atten'ce of members							
44	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	122	28	34	32	28	4	1	1	3	2	7	13	16	29	61	162	65	13	47	50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	\$2000 j.c.				
94	St. Mark's	Port Stanley.....	82	5	1	5	5	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	10	10	23	40	Dec.	28	1917	Good	Good	Yes	250 00				
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	52	5	1	5	5	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	70	00	June	17	1917	Fair	17	1917	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes				
140	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	131	6	5	6	9	9	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	4	98	00	Dec.	27	1917	Fair	27	1917	Fair	Fair	Yes	1000 00				
171	Pr. of Wales.....	Lawrence Station..	44	8	2	12	2	5	10	3	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	20	00	Dec.	27	1917	Fair	27	1917	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00				
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....	102	7	5	7	6	5	3	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	19	25	Dec.	27	1917	Fair	27	1917	Fair	Good	Yes	500 00				
245	Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	87	5	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	00	Dec.	17	1917	Good	17	1917	Good	Good	Yes	400 00				
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	104	13	5	12	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	00	July	1	1918	Good	1	1918	Good	Good	Yes	Insured				
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	97	5	5	5	4	3	3	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	15	16	20	00	31	200	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	Insured			
302	St. David's.....	St. Thomas.....	364	20	20	20	21	1	1	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	17	15	00	31	200	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	j.c. w'th 44		
327	Hammond.....	Wardville.....	31	6	1	6	5	5	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	10	3	15	10	60	5	41	00	Dec.	30	1917	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
336	Hughgate.....	Hughgate.....	73	5	5	4	3	3	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	21	10	00	5	41	00	June	24	1918	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00		
364	Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	58	4	8	6	5	4	3	1	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	13	12	10	00	7	46	10	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	700 00	
386	McColl.....	West Lorne.....	111	2	5	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	5	13	20	100	7	46	10	January	8	1918	Bright	Good	Yes	500 00	
390	Florence.....	Florence.....	57	3	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	15	45	00	6	18	00	Jan.	8	1918	Good	Good	Yes	500 00		
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	131	13	14	13	6	3	3	1	8	6	1	1	1	1	1	5	16	22	30	00	12	61	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	Insured	
411	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	45	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	7	8	16	83	75	Jan.	27	1917	Fair	Good	Yes	250 00			
422	Star of the East	Bothwell.....	72	6	8	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	8	20	55	00	4	17	75	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	200 00

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

After having visited my brethren in each of the lodges in St. Clair District No. 2, and having had the pleasure of visiting a number of the lodges several times, I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry, and I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the honour the brethren have conferred on me; and I must say that I am sure that no man can visit with the brethren of this district without feeling that it has made him a bigger man and given him a wider outlook upon life.

It has been my aim, however, to encourage uniformity of work and to have each officer give his work as impressively as possible, so that the first marks upon the mind of the candidate would be such that would indelibly impress upon him the duty he owes to God, to his family, his fellowman and himself. I have endeavoured to impress upon the brethren all over the district that the standards of Masonry and its true imports were, that each of us should live his everyday life so that the world would see in us something worthy of imitation, and so that everyone would know that our standards of principle and character are of the highest type; and to present ourselves to our brethren so that they would know that we are always their truest friends and men to which the burdened heart might pour forth its sorrows and the distressed prefer its suit.

I feel that the district is in a splendid condition, and I have no regrets in handing over to my successor the jewel of his office, only trusting that whoever he may be, he will endeavour to keep burning the spirit of Masonry already kindled in the hearts and lives of the brethren.

I have had as my Secretary, W. Bro. T. A. McEvoy, a man of inestimable value, who spared not himself in assisting me in every way possible.

Official Visits.

On Thursday evening, September 27th, 1917, in company with a number of the brethren from St. John's Lodge No. 81, and Beaver Lodge No. 83, we visited Arkona Lodge No. 307, and spent a most pleasant and profitable evening. W. Bro. Dowding and officers conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner. The floor work and the delivery of the officers proved they were well skilled in the work. The Secretary, W. Bro. Thoman, had his books well kept, which showed a membership of fifty-four, with not one brother in arrears for dues, which speaks well for the work of the Secretary. Their register showed a small attendance, running from ten to sixteen. The lodge room was well kept and their Roll of Honour proved that the brethren who had gone from among them to serve their country, not only lived in the lodge room, but also in the heart of each and every brother.

On Wednesday evening, October 10th, I visited Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, also Washington Lodge, No. 260, of Petrolia. W. Bro. J. R. Steadman and officers conferred the first half of the third degree, W. Bro. Burleigh and officers conferring the last part. The brethren did their work very well.

The Secretary's books are well kept, also the lodge room and the spirit of Masonry seems to hold forth in the two lodges.

On Tuesday evening, October 23rd, we had the pleasure of visiting Havelock Lodge, No. 238, of Watford, and spent a very enjoyable evening. W. Bro. McIlveen and officers conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner. In fact, the work was almost perfect. The floor work was exceptionally good, and the J. D. is deserving of credit for what he is putting into Masonry.

The Secretary's books and the lodge room are well kept and the boys of Watford seem to be in a prosperous condition.

On Wednesday evening, October 25th, we visited Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston, and

spent a most pleasant evening. The second degree was conferred by the W. M. and his officers, and the work was really well done. The degree was given very impressively to the candidate and the brethren in general seemed to be enjoying Masonry to the fullest extent and endeavouring to live out its truest principles. The Secretary's books and the lodge room are well kept, the room being one of the best in the district and nicely decorated.

On Friday evening, October 27th, we visited Ionic Lodge, No. 328, of Napier. W. Bro. Woods and officers conferred the third degree. The W. M. was well skilled, the other officers just fair. The weather was not pleasant, which perhaps accounts for the small attendance.

On Monday evening, November 26th, it was my pleasure and privilege to visit the brethren of Inwood Lodge, No. 503, Inwood, and to be received by a full house of members. The brethren of Inwood are live wires and it looks as though their lodge quarters will soon have to be enlarged. W. Bro. Geo. Graham and officers conferred the third degree in a very able and efficient manner, and I might say for any of the brethren or to my successor, that they will be entertained right royally at Inwood.

On Wednesday evening, November 29th, I visited Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest. W. Bro. Benjamin and officers conferred the second degree in a very able manner. I must say that some of the officers were extra good, among them Bro. Ross, S.D., who promises some day to adorn the chair of King Solomon with credit to himself. The lodge room is well kept also the Secretary's books and they are in good standing financially.

On Wednesday evening, January 16th, it was my pleasure to visit Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia, and we had a most pleasant and profitable meeting. The lodge room was filled with members and visitors. W. Bro. Richards and his officers conferred the E. A. degree in a very proficient manner. The officers of Tuscan Lodge are a group of well skilled

workmen. Not only are they well skilled in the presentation of the work, but I am led to believe from their clear, clean-cut manner, that they lead lives that will leave an impression on the mind and heart of their candidates, that will better equip them for life's work, and help men in the hour of temptation to remember the duties we owe to God and fellowman.

On Monday evening, January 21st, it was my pleasure to visit Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg. The meeting was very largely attended. W. Bro. Shaw and officers conferred the second degree in a very able manner. The lodge room is a very large one and well kept and is a very pleasant home for the brethren. I found the brethren of Wallaceburg a very splendid type and I believe they endeavour to live the science in their everyday life.

On Tuesday evening, January 22nd, I visited St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra, and was received by a fair representation of the brethren. As the officers had not been installed, W. Bro. Kelly, the W. M. of last year and officers conferred the first degree. I think, perhaps, the officers would do wisely to study Masonry more, not only to be proficient in the work, but also to impress upon the candidate's mind that they believed and endeavoured to live the things that they were trying to convey. The Secretary's books were in good shape and well kept.

On Wednesday evening, January 23rd, I visited Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden, W. Bro. Galbraith and officers, who had just been installed, conferred the second degree in a very able manner. Bro. Miller, the S. D., is well worthy of praise because of the correctness of his work. The lodge is in good condition, financially and otherwise.

On Thursday evening, January 24th, I visited Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright. W. Bro. Quick and officers conferred the third degree and deserve a great deal of credit for the very efficient rendition of the work. We spent a very pleasant

evening together and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting and discussing Masonry with these brethren.

On Friday evening, January 25th, I had the pleasure of visiting Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oilsprings. W. Bro. Kirby and officers conferred the first degree and did their work splendidly. We enjoyed having with us about twenty of the brethren of Petrolia. They gave us some well fitting remarks on Masonry.

On February 5th, I visited Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia, the oldest lodge in the district. W. Bro. Watson and officers conferred the second degree in an almost perfect manner. In fact, the W. M. gave his work word perfect. The brethren are apparently enjoying Masonry and working harmoniously together.

On March 1st, it was my pleasure and privilege to visit Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy. W. Bro. Stoner and officers conferred the first degree in a most creditable manner, each officer having his work so well that it would be almost impossible to improve on it, which goes to show that in order to have our work perfectly, we must spend some nights in preparation. The lodge room is one of the best and in general the brethren are in a very prosperous condition.

On March 26th I visited my mother lodge, St. John's, No. 81, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening with my own brethren. W. Bro. Wyatt and officers conferred the first degree in an almost faultless manner, and I am sure the brethren of St. John's ought to be proud of their officers. I am very glad to be able to report that the Lodge is in a very prosperous condition. The spirit of Masonry seems to hold forth among the brethren and the old-time feeling has pretty well died out. New members are coming in as fast as they can handle them. I have appreciated very much the many kindnesses received from my own brethren.

On April 8th, in company with a number of the brethren from St. John's, I visited Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Sarnia. W. Bro. Workman and

officers conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner. I found the lodges in Sarnia well skilled and I must say that the Wor. Masters and officers are very efficient in their work and also they are a credit to the Institution.

On April 25th, I visited Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming. W. Bro. Maw and officers conferred the second degree and I found they were well skilled in their work. I found that the lodge room was well kept; also the Secretary's books are in a good condition.

On May 20th I visited Cassia Lodge No. 116, Thedford, R. W. Bro. Sutherland acting as W.M. The brethren of Cassia Lodge are fine fellows but they seem to be few in number. They are not doing any work as they claim they have very little material to work on. However, I believe on account of losing a number of their brethren they have become somewhat discouraged. I think, perhaps, things may take a turn, as there seems to be a good feeling amongst the brethren.

On May 22nd I visited Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie. There was a large representation of Huron brethren besides a host of visitors, and I do not wonder at the brethren coming from Sarnia, Petrolia, Arkona, Forest and Wyoming because of the way the Huron boys entertained us. The W. M. and his officers conferred the first degree in a fair manner. I think there exists a good fraternal spirit amongst the brethren.

Lodge of Instruction.

Our Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg, and was a decided success. Nearly every lodge in the district was represented and with all a very enjoyable and profitable time was spent.

In order that we might spend more time to further the social side of Masonry, we opened lodge at 11 a.m.

W. Bro. Shaw and officers of Pnyx Lodge conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner. Very few criticisms were offered, and the officers received many commendations on their work.

At 2.00 p.m. lodge was called on and W. Bro. Galbraith and officers of Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden, conferred the second degree in a very efficient manner. After the rendition of the degree, it was discussed at some length and many kind remarks made about the W. M. and his officers.

At 4.00 p.m. the D.D.G.M. introduced the past D.D.G.Ms. and Grand Lodge officers, including the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, W. H. Wardrope, Hamilton. After the reception of the Grand Master, he gave a few fitting remarks. The third degree was conferred by the Past D.D.G.Ms. of St. Clair District, No. 2, which proved that the D.Ds. had not forgotten the workings of this degree. A discussion was also held at the conclusion of this degree which should prove very beneficial.

After we had partaken of the good things furnished us, an excellent programme was given. Addresses were given by W. Bro. Smith, of Cam-lachie; W. Bro. Knowles, of Petrolia; Bro. Rey-craft, District Chaplain of Mount Brydges, and W. Bro. Dundas, of Wallaceburg, and last, but not least, a very inspiring address was given by the Grand Master, and in all, we were much profited, and the brethren returned home after singing the National Anthem, feeling they had enjoyed the best Lodge of Instruction ever held in the district.

Fraternally submitted,

E. R. BOND, D.D.G.M..

St. Clair District No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in St. Clair District No. 2, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr. Confid.			M. M.		Affiliations		Restorations		Resignations		Suspensions, N. P. D.		Suspensions, other causes		Meet's held		Total of all such arrearages		Date of last C. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance							
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total	Aver. attendance of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arrears																	
56	Victoria	Sarnia	288	11				8		1										10	12	23	35	00	18	107	50	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes	1800 00			
81	St. John's	Mount Brydges	91	10				6		1										11	17	20	103	00	15	103	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	1800 00		
83	Beaver	Strathroy	149	8				3		1										11	2	13	50	00	20	00	10	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	1000 00	
116	Cassia	Thorndale	111	4				1		1										11	9	23	27	50	00	15	125	00	Jan.	24	1918	Good	Yes	900 00	
153	Burns	Wyoming	118	2				8		1										10	1	14	15	35	00	35	280	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	280 00	
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	88	9				6		1										11	6	20	32	20	00	11	148	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	250 00	
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	107	1				5		1										12	2	14	50	30	00	32	171	50	Dec.	24	1917	Good	Yes	500 00	
238	Havlock	Watford	78	1				6		1										14	1	18	15	10	00	6	110	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	250 00	
260	Washington	Petrolia	152	13				4		1										2	13	2	15	30	20	00	2	120	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	600 00
263	Forest	Forest	103	5				5		1										11	1	12	16	21	00	6	86	50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	200 00	
294	Moore	Courtright	65	5				3		1										13	1	13	16	5	00	2	8	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	400 00	
307	Arkona	Arkona	54	5				3		1										14	2	26	1	00	16	78	75	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	500 00		
312	Phyx	Wallaceburg	153	6				9		1										11	5	16	20	5	00	16	80	50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	600 00	
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	90	5				3		1										11	1	9	10	5	00	16	80	50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	Yes	Yes
328	Ionic	Napier	57	2				3		1										8	1	14	17	5	00	16	80	50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	Yes	
392	Huron	Cambridge	71	6				5		1										12	1	13	25	16	63	00	16	63	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	2500 00
397	Leopold	Brigden	80	6				5		1										10	3	13	20	5	00	18	188	25	Dec.	28	1917	Good	No	2500 00	
419	Bismarck	Sarnia	90	4				6		1										10	7	17	20	83	75	2	174	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	400 00	
425	St. Clair	Sombra	97	6				4		1										11	6	17	50	83	75	2	174	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	400 00	
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	290	8				5		1										12	9	21	21	15	00	2	38	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	400 00	
503	Inwood	Inwood	63	12				12		8										12	9	21	21	15	00	2	38	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	400 00	

LONDON DISTRICT No. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

First of all, I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the honour they conferred upon me in electing me to the high and important office of District Deputy Grand Master. I now take this opportunity of thanking all who assisted me to this position. The D. D. G. Ms. of this district in the past had so performed their duties that my task was by no means an arduous one, but merely a season of pleasure.

Freemasonry in London District No. 3 is in a most healthy condition. Enthusiasm is at its zenith and the most ideal fraternal spirit prevails in every lodge.

In all my official visits I tried to impress upon the brethren the teachings of our noble order and to never forget the grand principles upon which the great institution is founded.

Moffatt Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville. Visited September 26th, 1917. There was no degree work. It has a good staff of young officers. I recommended fraternizing with surrounding lodges, as the lodge is well situated for exchanging visits with rural lodges.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 378, London. Visited 11th October, 1917. First degree was worked in a very able manner by the Master and his officers. Brethren all take an active interest and is officered by young men who will keep it up to its present standard.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth. Visited October 24th, 1917. Second degree was well worked by the W. M. and his officers. The brethren all seem to take an interest in Masonry which goes to make a good live lodge.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont. Visited October 26th, 1917. Officers worked second degree in good form. The officers are all young men and delight in doing good work, and a bright future lies before them.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown. The officers worked first degree in a very impressive manner. Dues are in good shape; also the books. Their future is very bright.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London. Visited November 1st, 1917. W. Bro. Barr and his officers worked the first degree in a capable manner. The J. W. lecture was given very impressively.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London. Visited November 6th, 1917. The officers worked the first degree well. The lodge is prosperous.

Merrill Lodge No. 344, Dorchester. Visited November 22nd, 1917. Officers worked second degree very well. This is a good lodge and prospects are bright for the coming year.

Middlesex Lodge No. 379, Bryanston. Visited November 28th, 1917. There was no work but the lodge was passed and raised in good form. The lodge is in good shape and has a good future before it.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London. Visited February 1st, 1918. The first degree was worked by the Master and his officers in a very impressive manner. This lodge is well officered, and each officer performs his part faultlessly.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London. Visited February 4th, 1918. The Master and officers worked the second degree in a most intelligent manner. The lodge is prosperous and a good spirit is shown by P.Ms. in turning out to give assistance.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London. Visited February 11th, 1918. W. M. and officers worked first degree well. The lodge has a good set of officers throughout.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London. Visited February 12th, 1918., W.M. Geary in the East. The first degree was worked in a very impressive manner.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London. Visited February 15th, 1918. First degree was conferred in an efficient manner. The lodge has a worthy staff of officers and is composed of young and ambitious Masons who do their work well, and it has good prospects for the future.

R. W. Bro. Poad, P.D.D.G.M., presented Wor. Bro. McGuire with a Past Master's jewel as a recognition of his untiring exertions during his term of office.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware. Visited April 26th, 1918. As there was no work on, I asked them to open in the second and third and close down, which they did well. The brethren have got a little careless about coming to lodge, but I think with the assistance of the sister lodges they will become strong and active in the future.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo. Visited April 25th, 1918. I had the pleasure of seeing the second degree conferred by the Master and his officers. The W. M. of this lodge is fully alive to the duties of his office and is ably supported by a capable and loyal staff.

Myra Lodge, No. 529, Komoka. Visited April 22nd. The first degree was exemplified by the W. M. and his officers in a creditable manner. A good Masonic feeling exists among the brethren and the work was carefully done.

Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale. Visited May 21st, 1918. I am very well known in this lodge. The membership is enthusiastic and efficient and the future of the lodge is bright. It was not my pleasure to see any work, but, knowing the ability of the lodge and the work of the past, I feel safe in saying that Masonic interests will not suffer from the present staff of officers.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton. Visited May 20th, 1918. The first degree was conferred by the W. M. and his officers in a most acceptable manner. The books and finances are in good shape and the lodge, generally, is in a prosperous condition.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford. Visited June 19th, 1918. This being my home lodge, I was very pleased with the reception. The W. M. and his officers conferred the first degree, which called forth the praise of P.D.D.G.M. Naylor, of Ingersoll. We have a splendid staff of P.Ms., and the lodge is looking forward to greater success in the future than in the past.

In conclusion, I wish again to express my appreciation for the honour conferred upon me by the brethren of the idistrict. The kindness and courtesy extended to me by the officers and members of every lodge I shall not soon forget. The duties of District Deputy Grand Master I have performed to the best of my ability and am pleased to report that the work of the district is in a splendid condition.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. DUNLOP, D.D.G.M.,

London District No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in London District No. 3, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance					
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.							M. M.	Regular	Emergency										Total				
20	St. John's	London	362	13	15	15	11	3	1	4	2	2	2	2	1	3	14	75	112	00	52	175	00	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes			
42	St. George's	London	202	14	7	14	11	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	3	13	45	60	00	4	40	00	June	1918	Good	Yes			
64	Kilwinning	London	277	7	15	18	13	2	5	2	4	1	1	2	1	2	12	40	165	00	3	15	00	June	1918	Good	Yes			
107	St. Paul	Lambeth	100	11	5	11	11	10	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	16	28	00	13	150	00	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes		
90	Belmont	Belmont	82	4	3	4	2	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	15	15	30	00	5	5	00	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes			
95	Tuscan	London	172	13	11	10	10	5	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	13	26	73	85	1	5	00	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes			
209	St. Johns	London	479	8	20	26	23	2	2	7	1	1	1	5	1	7	18	50	275	00	25	00	00	June	1918	Good	Yes			
289	Doric	Lobo	106	16	2	14	10	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	2	12	28	00	19	116	00	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes		
300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	79	6	4	4	5	4	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	3	35	75	00	5	15	00	April	1918	Fair	Yes		
330	Corinthian	London	265	14	9	14	16	22	1	1	7	1	1	2	1	2	12	5	17	52	130	00	16	64	00	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes	
344	Merrill	Dorchester	62	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	13	5	00	11	36	00	Jan.	1917	normal	Yes	
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	72	4	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	20	11	80	00	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes			
358	Delaware Val.	Delaware	60	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	9	12	10	00	40	200	00	Dec.	1917	Fair	Yes	
378	Kg. Solomon's	London	259	9	8	9	11	12	2	2	4	1	3	1	3	14	75	80	00	305	00	00	00	Jan.	1918	Good	Yes			
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	52	5	1	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	9	9	9	9	13	15	60	00	15	60	00	Jan.	1918	Fair	Yes	250 00		
380	Union	London	302	2	12	14	14	1	2	3	12	7	1	1	1	1	11	12	42	185	15	58	276	00	June	1918	Good	Yes	200 00	
388	Henderson	Ilderton	67	11	13	11	8	1	2	1	1	1	4	1	3	5	18	19	150	00	9	109	25	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes	200 00		
394	Kg. Solomon's	Thamesford	93	7	8	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	14	25	9	57	50	00	00	Jan.	1918	Good	Yes	2200 00		
399	Moffatt	Harrietsville	54	3	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	15	17	09	6	28	67	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes	Nil		
529	Myra	Komoka	37	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Dec.	1917	Fair	Yes	Nil		

* All City of London Lodges carry a joint insurance on Furniture of \$1,000, divided equally among the eight lodges (\$500.00 each.)

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 4 for the past year.

I wish again to express to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the honour done me in electing me to the honourable and responsible position of representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this important district.

I wish also to express the gratitude I feel toward my predecessors for the many acts of kindness and help which they have given me during my term of office.

It was my privilege to visit every lodge in the district, notwithstanding slight indispositions and some stormy drives. I have endeavoured to faithfully discharge the duties incumbent on the office, and for any shortcomings and failures, which I feel are many, I must claim your indulgence.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich. Visited April 9th. W. Bro. R. J. Megaw was in the chair, assisted by his officers, and a second degree was exemplified on a well prepared candidate, in a very nice manner. I was pleased to see so many Past Masters present, which manifests the deep interest they take in Masonry. The Masonic hall is an excellent structure, of which the brethren may well be proud.

St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Marys. Visited here on April 1st. W. Bro. Salvadge in the chair, assisted by his capable set of officers, exemplified the first degree in a most satisfactory manner. Opening and closing in the three degrees proved to me and the other visiting brethren that the officers knew their work. This speaks well for St. James' Lodge for several years to come.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on November 30th, and was accorded a very warm reception. This lodge is fortunate in having a very bright and active set of officers, and also in having the support of a number of Past Masters who are all well skilled in the work. The work of the evening was a second degree and was conferred in an almost faultless manner by W. Bro. McEwan and his officers. The character and excellence of the work of the junior officers in their exemplification of this degree is particularly worthy of mention. The financial standing of this lodge is excellent and the books very neatly kept.

Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter. I visited here April 29th. A splendid attendance greeted us and we had a very enthusiastic meeting. The first degree was conferred on a bright candidate by W. Bro. Hastings and his capable set of officers. The brethren have commodious quarters in which to meet, and the financial conditions are good. The books are kept in nice condition by their expert Secretary.

Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell. Visited March 26th. This being my mother lodge I was particularly interested in the proceedings and, having known the reputation of this lodge for putting on the degrees efficiently, I was not disappointed. I have never seen a third degree exemplified in a better manner. W. Bro. J. A. Myers in the chair, assisted by his very capable set of officers, speaks volumes for the success of Tudor. The books are kept neatly by Bro. A. J. Blowes, and the financial condition of the Lodge is fair.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford. I visited this lodge on April 19th. As I am well acquainted with this lodge as regards efficiency, I knew exactly what to expect and I was not disappointed. W. Bro. F. S. Smith was in the chair, assisted by his capable set of officers, and it was a real pleasure to listen to their working of a third degree. The junior officers, especially the deacons, deserve a

very large amount of credit. The standing of Tecumseh Lodge both financially and numerically is excellent.

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan. I visited Irving Lodge on March 21st. The work of the evening was a first degree upon an exceptionally bright candidate. W. Bro. Murray in the chair, assisted by his very capable and efficient set of officers, and all supported by a goodly number of Past Masters. The work was very impressive, accurate to a degree and absolutely above criticism. This lodge has a very bright future.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth. I visited this lodge on February 4th, 1918. The Master, W. Bro. Aberhardt, and officers, assisted by a number of Past Masters, worked two third degree in a very proficient and satisfactory manner, fully sustaining the reputation that Britannia Lodge enjoys in the district for accuracy and impressiveness. This lodge can boast of a very large membership, and also of its financial position. R. W. Bro. Reid is to be congratulated upon his neatly kept books.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall. On my official visit here on January 21st, 1918, the first degree was exemplified by the W. M., Bro. R. Dalrymple, and his officers, assisted by several P. Ms., all of whom did their work very nicely. The lodge is in good working condition, having enthusiastic officers and members, and I can predict a bright future in store for Zurich.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill, was the first lodge I visited on October 2nd. The third degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, the Master, W. Bro. Gilvert, in the chair. He was ably assisted by his officers. The work could scarcely be put on with more proficiency. W. Bro. Fraser has no superior as a secretary. This lodge is in good financial position.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth. I visited here on April 2nd. This lodge has a splendid membership. They have a very neat and comfortable

lodge room, and the spirit of Masonry is nowhere better exemplified than here. The work of the evening was a second degree. W. Bro. Thos. Sampson in the chair, assisted by his officers, worked the degree in a very nice manner. A notable feature of this lodge is the attendance of so many Past Masters, which speaks well for the success of Blyth Lodge.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Carlow. I visited here April 10th. W. Bro. J. J. Robertson was in the chair and had his regular set of officers. Opening and closing the lodge in the three degrees was performed in a proficient manner, after which we devoted an hour or so to open discussion and some information was gained. The lodge is fortunate in having as Secretary, W. Bro. Weir, a most capable officer, and the financial condition of the lodge is excellent.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford. On December 10th I visited Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford. W. Bro. E. Denroche and his most efficient staff of officers conferred a first degree in a perfect and exceptionally impressive manner. There was a good attendance of brethren and particularly Past Masters, who take a great deal of interest in the lodge. The Secretary, Bro. Rogers, is a most efficient officer and the financial condition of this lodge is excellent.

Elma Lodge, No. 456, Monkton West. I visited this lodge on January 24th, 1918. The first degree was worked by the W. M., A. E. Doan, and his capable set of officers in a fairly satisfactory manner. I was pleased to see so many P. Ms. present who take such a vital interest in the welfare of this lodge. The lodge is in good financial condition and the dues are pretty well paid up. They are certainly fortunate in having so zealous a Secretary.

Milverton Lodge, No. 478, Milverton. I visited this lodge on April 26th. The attendance was fairly good, augmented by a number of brethren from my mother lodge, as well as a number from

Elma lodge, Monkton. The work of the evening was a third degree, exemplified in a fairly satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Barth, assisted by his officers and P. Ms. of the lodge. The brethren are making a great effort to get in outstanding dues which bulk large in their statement. They expect before long to show a fair report before the Grand Lodge meetings.

Granton Lodge, No. 483, Granton. I visited this lodge March 25th. W. Bro. A. D. Hodgins in the chair, assisted by his officers, exemplified a second degree in a satisfactory manner. With such Past Masters as V. W. Bro. Damn, A. J. Clatworthy and J. J. Hill always present, the work is bound to be up to standard.

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 493, St. Marys. I visited this lodge on April 22nd, and was received right royally by the Master, officers and brethren, being introduced by my worthy predecessor, R. W. Bro. P. T. Coupland. W. Bro. C. G. Richardson in the chair, a first degree was exemplified in excellent form by the officers. I was particularly struck by the presence of so many P. Ms., and also so many visitors from St. James' No. 73, St. Marys. This lodge is in fair financial condition and the prospects are bright in the future for St. Marys.

In conclusion, let me again thank my brethren for the courteous manner in which I have been received on all my visitations, and also the many brethren who have accompanied me, and assisted in making the year's work a very great pleasure and one that I will remember as long as I live.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED PORTERFIELD, D.D.G.M.

South Huron District No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in South Huron District No. 4, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodges	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations			Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance				
			Total No. of all Mem.	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Deceased	Regular					Emergent	Total	Aver. atten'ce of members												
33	Maitland	Goderich.	196	2	4	4	3			1	2		1	12	1	13	40	58	50	12	189	00	June	1918	Good	Yes	1500 00	
73	St. James'	St. Marys.	125	8	7	5	6	1					4	10	5	15	20	35	00	23	270	00	Jan.	1918	Good	Yes	600 00	
84	Clinton	Clinton.	86		7	8	7					5		13	4	17	14	90	00	18	88	00	Jan.	1918	Fair	Yes	600 00	
33	Lebanon Forest	Exeter.	102	1	4	3	4	1					1	11	2	13	20			28	212	00	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes	400 00	
41	Tudor.	Mitchell.	84		1	5	6	7			3	3		13	6	19	20	100	00	31	25	00	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes	300 00	
44	Tecumseh.	Stratford.	279		5	8	12	12			7	3		5	11	7	18	27	171	20	35	179	00	June	1918	Good	Yes	2500 00
54	Irving.	Lucan.	98	6	1	5	6	7	1	1				1	11	4	15	20		15	70	00	Jan.	1918	Good	Yes	300 00	
70	Britannia.	Seaforth.	138	11	5	11	8	3			2			2	14	2	16	22	25	00	6	78	50	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes	650 00
224	Zurich.	Hensall.	81	2	3	3	5	4	1	1				1	10	3	13	23		31	195	75	Jan.	1918	Fair	Yes	400 00	
233	Doric	Parkhill.	79	9	9	11	11	2		1				1	12	14	26	14		6	29	00	June	1918	Good	Yes	400 00	
303	Blyth	Blyth.	95	4	1	4	3	4						1	9	2	11	25	60	00			May	1917	Good	Yes	400 00	
309	Morning Star	Carlow.	64	3	3	3	4	2						10	2	12	19	15	00	18	110	00	Dec.	1917	Fair	Yes	600 00	
332	Stratford	Stratford.	219	9	11	7	5		1		2			2	11	6	17	25	50	00	32	214	00	June	1917	Good	Yes	Trust
456	Elma.	Monkton.	57	5	3	5	3	3		2				1	13	1	14	13	20	00			Dec.	1917	Good	No	150 00	
478	Milverton.	Milverton.	71	2	3	5	5			1				12	2	14	14			7	49	00	Dec.	1917	Fair	Yes	250 00	
483	Granton.	Granton.	56	5	5	5	5							12	2	14	25						June	1918	Good	Yes	150 00	
493	St. Mary's.	St. Marys.	83	14	2	12	11	8	2	1				1	11	6	17	30	10	00	59	300	00	Dec.	1917	Good	Yes	

NORTH HURON DISTRICT No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to submit the following report on the work of the lodges composing North Huron District No. 5.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston, of which I am a member, was taken from Wellington District and placed in North Huron District at the 1916 Communication of Grand Lodge. At Belleville, the representatives of the new district paid a graceful tribute to Blair Lodge (the only new lodge in the district) and to myself by electing me without opposition, and throughout the year I have received every kindness and consideration from all the lodges and many individual members.

By request, I made my first official visit on September 28th, to Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmers-ton. The lodge assembled at 6.30 p.m. when a candidate was initiated by the W. M., W. Bro. Ladd, and his officers. The work was particularly well rendered, and those taking part deserve great credit for the manner in which they took their several parts. Only once before had the lodge been visited by one of its own members in the capacity of D.D.G.M., and that 34 years ago, my father being the D.D.G.M. at that time.

This lodge is in good working order and the prospects of the lodge are bright.

On November 6th I visited Wingham Lodge, No. 286. The W. M. and his officers worked the second degree in a very creditable manner. The lodge room had been repaired and decorated, making a commodious and comfortable lodge room. The books are neatly kept and the officers, who are young Masons, do their work well. The prospects of the lodge are good.

On November 27th I visited St. John's Lodge, Brussels. The attendance was not large. The first degree was conferred upon one of the leading business men of the town. The work of the degree was rendered by the W. M., assisted by one of the Past Masters. I recommended that the W. M. undertake more of the responsibility of his office; that he also give the members on the side benches work to do, and that he destroy certain paraphernalia not in accord with the ritual. The books are well kept; the lodge room is comfortable and suitable and the prospects of the lodge are good.

On May 1st I visited Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine. The reputation of this lodge is so well known that it is not necessary for me to say that the work of the evening was carried out without a hitch and in a most creditable manner. W. Bro. Smith is an efficient and capable officer and has his work well up and renders it in an impressive manner. I had the pleasure of witnessing the initiation of Pte. Ross, who has been returned from France, wounded, having been twice mentioned in despatches. The young soldier was initiated by his father, the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge. All the officers have their work in good shape. The prospects of the lodge are bright, the books well kept, and a healthy Masonic spirit prevails.

On May 23rd I visited Old Light Lodge, Lucknow. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Davidson, the W. M., in a very creditable manner. His officers all have their work up well and the degree was worked in a very impressive manner. The lodge room is well furnished and commodious. The prospects of the lodge are good.

On May 17th I visited Bernard Lodge, Listowel. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Botton and his officers, and was very well rendered. This lodge has good prospects numerous candidates offering, and the brethren are quite enthusiastic. The books are in good hands and the affairs of the lodge well looked after.

On May 13th I visited Forest Lodge, Wroxeter. This lodge has been suffering from a lack of interest among its members for some time. I endeavoured arouse interest in the lodge work and offered to return in a month with a candidate for the second degree if the W. M. and officers would undertake to do the work. My offer was accepted and on June 17th I again visited this lodge, when the W. M., assisted by R. W. Bro. Brown, conferred the second degree. The work was very well rendered and quite a pleasant hour was spent afterwards, and I think some new interest awakened. I also ordered an audit of the accounts and expect a report to be handed me before my term expires. I recommend that my successor take special interest in this lodge.

On May 24th I visited Bruce Lodge, Tiverton. This lodge is located in a prosperous agricultural district, practically all of its members being farmers. The meeting was well attended by the local brethren, and a goodly number from Kincardine accompanied me. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by the Immediate Past Master. The W. M. was unavoidably absent. I understand he has his work well up and can confer all the degrees. The work of the evening was well rendered and an entertainment afterwards furnished was very enjoyable. This lodge has good prospects, plenty of work and an enthusiastic membership.

On June 24th I visited Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, and received a very cordial welcome. The attendance was not as large as it might have been, but the brethren who did attend were enthusiastic Masons. The W. M. and his officers have their work well in hand and exemplified the second degree in an able manner. R. W. Bro. Fowler is now Secretary of this lodge, and has the books and accounts in excellent shape.

On June 21st I visited Fordwich Lodge, No. 331. There was a good attendance of members and the W. M. worked the first degree in an able manner. His officers are well posted and the prospects of the lodge are bright. R. W. Bro. Hutchi-

son is the Secretary, and has the books in good shape.

Throughout the district I found every evidence of prosperity. Though our membership is depressed by the war and the sorrows and anxieties which it brings; and many of them have been bereaved by the loss of sons or other relatives and many dear friends, still, all are optimistic of the final outcome. All are confident of the righteousness of our cause, and as Masons, they are taking their share in all patriotic efforts.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the brethren for the honour conferred on me and for the many kindnesses extended to me during my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

H. HYNDMAN, D.D.G.M.,

North Huron District No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in North Huron District No. 5, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Meet's held				Amount paid for relief		No. mem. 12 m'ths in arr'rs		Total of all such arrearages		Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance						
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93	Northern Light.	Kincardine.	125	7	7	7	7	5	1	2	3	2	12	14	4	18	33	25	00	26	157	70	June	Good	Excell't	Yes	1850 00
162	Forest.	Wroxeter.	36	1	1	1	1	1					11	2	1	3	7	32	50	19	89	50	Jan.	Good	n't g'd	No	400 00
184	Old Light.	Lucknow.	108	1	1	1	1	1				2	11	11	11	11	27	150	00	5	28	50	Dec.	Fair	Good	Yes	1200 00
225	Bernard.	Listowel.	131	9	2	7	3	2	2			2	11	4	15	27	150	00	5	28	50	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
276	Teeswater.	Teeswater.	51	2	3	2	3	2		3		1	11	11	12	10	57	50	3	33	50	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	250 00	
284	St. John's.	Brussels.	92	2	2	2	1	2				3	11	11	12	13	9	5	00	14	41	00	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
286	Wingham.	Wingham.	117	14	11	10	7	1	4	2			9	11	10	22	25	00	15	105	00	June	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
314	Blair.	Palmerston.	123	7	8	7	7	1	1		4		1	13	6	19	18	75	00	4	9	00	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
331	Fordwich.	Fordwich.	65	4	1	3	3	3		1			10	10	10	20	20	15	35	00	00	June	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
341	Bruce.	Tiverton.	65	1	1	4	4	5			3		1	7	4	11	20	20	200	00	00	Jan.	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	

WILSON DISTRICT No. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I feel it a great pleasure to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in Wilson District No. 6, for the past year, but first I wish to thank the brethren for electing me to the honourable position of representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in Wilson District.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. T. Merritt Moore, of Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Springfield, as District Secretary and W. Bro. John F. Harris as District Chaplain. I appreciate very much the ever ready support of these brethren.

It has been my privilege to visit every lodge in the district and it is with pleasure I report the work well done throughout the whole district.

I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the kindly way in which they received me, and their charity in overlooking the many imperfections in my work.

October 25th, 1917. Visited Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro. W. Bro. McLeod and his very able staff of officers conferred the first degree in a very satisfactory and impressive manner, after which the second degree was given to a returned soldier who was very proficient in the former degree. Secretary C. Ross has his books well kept; the finances of lodge in good condition. A bright future is before Thistle Lodge.

October 26th, 1917. I visited Vienna Lodge, No. 237. There being no work, the W. M., W. Bro. Garrett and officers opened and closed in the three degrees and their work showed that their hearts are in the work, and that the brethren of Vienna Lodge are real live wires in Masonry.

Their Secretary, R. W. Bro. S. S. Clutton, is certainly a Past Master at the work, as his books are a model of neatness and accuracy. The finances are in good shape, and the prospects of the lodge are very bright. They own their present quarters, which are very pleasant.

October 29th, 1917. I visited Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi. There being no work on, W. Bro. Harding and staff opened and closed in the three degrees in a manner showing the interest taken by each officer. On behalf of Frederick Lodge, I had the honour of presenting R. W. Bro. Chrysler with a beautiful P. M's. jewel on the eve of his removal to Welland. My visit to this lodge will always stand out as a red letter night to me, as it was at their meeting W. Bro. Harding gave me a message from the battlefield of France; a message saying that my youngest son, Lieut. I. C. R. Atkin, who is a member of my home lodge, had been awarded the Military Cross. I was very grateful to the W. M., Past Master and brethren for their expressions of pleasure at the event. The brethren have very beautiful quarters. Their books are well kept by their efficient Secretary and the finances are in good shape.

October 30th, 1917. I visited Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Pt. Burwell. The candidate not being able to get there, there was no work. W. Bro. Sampson and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a faultless manner. The officers and P. Ms. of this lodge are thoroughly alive and seem to feel that their best effort is none too good to put into Masonic work. Bro. W. C. Loucks, the Secretary, is very efficient and his books speak for themselves. The finances of this lodge are in a healthy condition.

November 23rd, 1917. Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, Vittoria. W. Bro. Hutchison and officers conferred the second degree, their work being very well done. The work of the Senior Deacon was especially good. The lodge was then closed in the second degree and they then proceeded with the election of officers. Judging from the appearance

of the officers elect, I look forward to a bright future for No. 359. The books are a model of neatness under the efficient care of W. Bro. John Pow, The finances of the lodge are A1. They own their Masonic home, which is very pleasant.

November 28th, 1917, I visited St. John's Lodge No. 104, Norwich. W. Bro. Irwin and officers conferred the third degree on a bright and well posted Bro., and from the impressive manner in which the work was done, it will have a lasting impression upon the mind of the brother who received it. The books are well taken care of by their very efficient Secretary, Bro. G. W. Poldon. The financial standing of the lodge is good.

November 30th, 1917. Visited Blenheim Lodge No. 108, Princeton. The meeting was well attended. The W. M., W. I. Scott, and his officers conferred the first degree in an almost faultless manner. The P. Master's charge was very impressive as given by W. Bro. Smith. T. J. Rawlinson, the Secretary, has his books in splendid condition. The financial conditions of the lodge are good.

At the request of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, it being their installation, I visited this lodge on December 27th, 1917. Owing to W. Bro. Johnson being selected Master, I invested the other officers of the lodge.

On December 28th, 1917, I visited Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville. At their request I installed their officers, and from the interest taken by the newly installed Master, W. Bro. Johnson, I look forward to a year of prosperity and pleasure for Plattsville Lodge. The lodge is fortunate in having W. Bro. W. R. Henderson as Secretary. His books are a model of neatness, not surpassed by any Secretary in the district. The lodge is in a very healthy condition.

January 4th, 1918. St. John's Lodge No. 68, and King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll, having arranged for a joint installation I visited them on the above date, at their request. I installed R. W. Bro.

Stoneman, W.M., of St. John's, No. 68, and Bro. Lowe, W. M., of King Hiram, No. 37. W. Bro. J. F. Harris invested the officers of both lodges and from the great intelligence displayed by these brethren, I feel certain that the high standard which Masonry has attained in the Ingersoll lodges will be well maintained. Bro. L. H. Thompson, Secretary of St. John's, has his books in good shape. The financial standing is A1.

January 25th, 1918. At the request of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg, I visited their lodge on the above date and installed Bro. McCallum, W. M., of the lodge, after which W. Bro. J. F. Harris, of Springfield, No. 259, invested the other officers of the lodge. The brethren of this lodge have a home which is second to none in the district. The records are under the care of R. W. Bro. McQueen, who is one of the most painstaking Secretaries in the district. The financial standing of the lodge is good.

January 21st, 1918. On this date I paid my official visit to my mother lodge, Springfield, No. 259, Springfield. W. Bro. G. L. Cardiff and his staff of officers conferred the third degree. The degree was done in a manner which maintains the high standard of proficiency for which No. 259 is noted. Bro. M. M. Black, Secretary of the lodge, has his books a model of systematic neatness and accuracy. The financial standing of the lodge is A1.

March 21st, 1918. Visited Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Pt. Rowan. W. Bro. C. S. Buck and his officers conferred the F. C. degree on a well posted Bro., the work being well done. Walsingham Lodge is fortunate in having such an efficient Secretary as W. Bro. J. G. Biddle, his work being always well done in whatever station he is asked to serve. The financial standing of the lodge is good. From the interest taken by W. Bro. Buck and his officers, Walsingham Lodge will give a good account of itself in Wilson District.

On April 5th, 1918, I visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll. W. Bro. Lowe and his officers conferred the first degree on a very bright

candidate, the work being done in a first-class manner. Their books are well kept by R. W. Bro. Naylor, their Secretary. The brethren of this lodge have the most beautiful home in the district.

April 8th, 1918. At my request, King Solomon No. 43, and Oxford, No. 76, Woodstock, arranged a joint meeting to be held at Oxford lodge's regular meeting. The lodge was opened by Oxford officers. After the routine business, W. Bro. Sinclair and officers conferred the first degree, the work being exceptionally well done. The lodge was then raised to the third degree and W. Bro. Masssie and officers of King Solomon, No. 43, assumed the chairs and conferred the Master Mason's degree on a very proficient brother. The books of the lodges are well kept, R. W. Bro. J. Dutton being Secretary of Oxford, and Bro. R. L. Revell of King Solomon. The finances of the lodges are in good condition.

April 22nd, 1918. Visited Erie Lodge, No. 149, Pt. Dover. W. Bro. Hobbs and his able staff of officers conferred the first degree in a very satisfactory manner, each officer doing his work with impressive earnestness, the J. W. giving his charge excellently. Work done as done by Erie Lodge should certainly leave a lasting impression on the candidate. The lodge is to be congratulated on having so efficient a Secretary as Bro. F. C. Henderson. The finances of the lodge are good.

On April 25th, 1918, I visited Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip. After routine business, W. Bro. Entwistle, the W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Gould, conferred the third degree on a well posted brother, the work being very well done. The finances of the lodge are good.

Lodge of Instruction.

On May 30th, 1918, under dispensation granted to Springfield Lodge, No. 259, the ninth Lodge of Instruction in Wilson District No. 6 was held in the Masonic rooms, Springfield. The lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. After the Grand Lodge officers were received, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. W. Bro. Sampson and his officers

of Oriental Lodge, No. 181, exemplified the first degree. In the absence of Oak Branch Lodge, which was expected to work the second degree, the officers of Oriental Lodge vacated the chairs to Springfield officers. W. Bro. McKenny and officers then exemplified the F. C. degree to the entire satisfaction of R. W. Bro. S. S. Clutton, who led the discussion on the work. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 6 p.m. Lodge resumed labour at 8 p.m., the third degree being exemplified by King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, of Tillsonburg. W. Bro. McCallum, W. M., being assisted by W. Bro. Spencer McDonald. The work was reviewed by R. W. Bro. C. Hulet, who did not see how it could be improved. R. W. Bro. S. S. Clutton gave an address on "Masonry and the Duty of its Members." Thus the ninth Lodge of Instruction in Wilson District No. 6 was closed. If not the largest in numbers, though we had 150 on the register, it is claimed to be one of the best in point of interest ever held in Wilson District.

Fraternally submitted,

W. I. ATKIN, D.D.G.M.,

Wilson District No. 6.

GRAND LODGE -OF- CANADA

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Wilson District No. 6, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Meet's held		Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 mths in arrears	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance	
			Increase during year	Decrease during year	F. A. F. C. M. M.	A. A. F. C. M. M.	Deceased	Regular										Emergent	Total
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	142	5	7	5	5	4					June	1918	Fair	Yes		
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	170	3	5	5	12						Jan.	4	1918	Good	Yes	1500 00
43	Kg. Solomon	Woodstock	328	18	5	16	15	14					Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	1600 00
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	136	15	6	16	13	11					Dec.	24	1917	Good	Yes	1250 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	267	26	6	26	19	12					Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	1600 00
78	King Hiram	Tillsonburg	186	5	8	8	6						Dec.	27	1917	Good	No	800 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	124	6	10	13	13						Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	500 00
108	Blenheim	Princeton	71	7	5	5	6	2					Dec.	22	1917	Good	Yes	
149	Erie	Port Dover	100	10	2	9	8	7					Jan.	9	1918	Good	Yes	
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	89	6	5	5	3	5					Jan.	9	1918	Good	Yes	1200 00
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	59	3	2	2	5	6					Jan.	9	1918	Good	No	250 00
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	53	2	3	3	1	1					Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	
217	Frederick	Delhi	73	6	2	4	2	2					Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	500 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	77	8	4	8	6	6					Jan.	28	1918	Good	Yes	500 00
250	Thistle	Embro	82	17	16	17	16						Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	1500 00
259	Springfield	Springfield	117	9	11	9	5	2					Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	500 00
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	46	4	2	4	4	3					Oct.	26	1917	Good	Yes	500 00
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	57					1					Jan.	1918	Good	Yes	600 00	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to present herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of this district for the Masonic year now closing.

My first official acts were the appointing of a District Secretary and a District Chaplain. In W. Bro. W. Woolner, of Ayr Lodge, I have a most efficient Secretary and in Bro. Sykes, of Grand River Lodge, Kitchener, an ideal Chaplain. To both officers I wish to express my appreciation for the assistance given me during the year. The brethren of the district have had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with the Secretary in his official capacity and of hearing the Chaplain at the District Church service, held in Kitchener early in April; also on his frequent visits with me to the different lodges.

Wellington District is today a compact and well planned district of eighteen lodges, so situated as to make the visits of the D.D.G.M. a pleasure—all short runs and good roads.

The district, as a whole, and the lodges in general, are prosperous, active and what is most essential, harmonious. I consider it a great honour to have been chosen as the representative of the Grand Master for this district and desire to express my sincere thanks to the lodges of the district. I realized, when this honour was conferred on me, that I had undertaken something that would require my best effort to properly represent the high ideals of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and my effort has been to keep this before me during my visits throughout the district. I have tried to present to the brethren of the district the privilege and opportunity that is ours as Masons, finding Masonry an enlarged opportunity for doing good by

applying its symbols and teachings in our daily lives and actions.

My official visits to the lodges will always be a pleasant memory. Everywhere I was received most graciously and given a very warm welcome. The work of the lodges is of a high order and very uniform, for which the thanks are due in a large measure to my predecessors in office, to the energy and enthusiasm of the officers of the lodges, frequent fraternal visits and a little help from the D.D.G.M. now and then.

October 2nd, 1917. My first official visit was paid to Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt, on the above date. This being their Past Masters' night, the officers of the evening consisted of four R. W. Bros., one a V. W. Bro. and nine W. Bros. The first degree was conferred in a very impressive manner by W. Bro. Clark and his officers, W. Bro. Clark's work being particularly well done.

The attendance and keen attention of so many young men was gratifying and indicates a steady growth in Masonry.

October 16th, 1917. I paid my official visit to Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton, on the above date. W. Bro. Hines and his officers conferred the second degree in a very skilful and efficient manner, reflecting much credit on themselves and their worthy P.D.D.G.M., Bro. Flath. The prospects of the lodge are good and they are growing steadily.

Monday, November 5th, 1917. New Dominion Lodge No. 205, New Hamburg, was visited on the above date. There was a fair attendance of resident members and a few of the brethren of Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, were present. W. Bro. Vance and his officers are working hard to perfect themselves in the work of the various degrees and under the skilful guidance of R. W. Bro. Holly they will, no doubt, excell in their respective offices before the end of their terms. The first degree was exemplified in a splendid manner for a small lodge with little work. I regret that in this lodge there has crept in a misunderstanding and friction which was

holding back the progress of Masonry, but am happy to report that today the officers and members are working together in harmony and as a result, progress and prosperity are knocking at their door. W. Bro. Puddicombe and W. Bro. Vance, together with the officers, gave a very clear demonstration of the progress they are making by exemplifying the first degree at the Lodge of Instruction in Kitchener on the 24th of May, and received the congratulations of all present for their splendid work.

Monday, November 12th, 1917. On their regular meeting night in November I visited Ayr Lodge and found a splendid attendance at the lodge awaiting my arrival. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Scott and his officers in a very creditable manner, showing the results of practice and attention to the different points of the work. Ayr Lodge, while not making great strides in growth numerically, is nevertheless, well established and keeping abreast of the times.

November 16th, 1917. Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, was officially visited on the above date. There was a good attendance. The third degree was conferred in a faultless manner by W. Bro. Cardno, ably supported by a live and active set of officers. For one of the smaller lodges, the work of the evening was remarkable. Victory Bond issue was the theme of some of the speeches at the banquet. Irvine Lodge is surely one of the live ones of the district.

November 23rd, 1917. The officers and members of Twin City Lodge, No. 509, Kitchener, were in splendid form and W. Bro. J. H. Wood and his officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. Their work is of this high order at all times and was not an extra drive for the visit of the D.D. G.M. While one of the youngest lodges in the district, they show a very progressive spirit, being very active and harmonious. Their prospects are decidedly bright and they give promise of being at no distant date one of the most efficient lodges in the district.

November 27th, 1917. November 27th found me paying my official visit to Alma Lodge, Galt, where I was very warmly received by W. Bro. Ritchie and his officers. The third degree was put on in a masterly manner and reflected much credit on the officers who took part. Alma Lodge has a long list of proficient past masters, but need have no fear for the future, judging by the work of the present officers who are decidedly above the average. It is needless to say the lodge is prosperous and busy. I also visited the brethren of Alma Lodge on their Past Masters' night, December 28th, when the Past Masters easily convinced all present that they still retained their former proficiency.

Friday, December 7th, 1917. I visited Preston Lodge on the above night, the brethren having called an emergent meeting for my official visit. There was a good attendance of both Past Masters and members. The first degree was conferred in a very able manner by W. Bro. Thomson and his officers, showing the results of frequent practices and careful attention to details of the work. Lodge finances in good shape; Secretary's work, splendid.

February 1st, 1918. Exceedingly cold weather and very bad train service made this visit look almost impossible, but knowing that the brethren of Mercer Lodge, Fergus, would be ready to receive the D. D. G. M., the trip was made via Elmira and across country with a good team of horses and a cutter; and the warm welcome received, the splendid meeting and good work of the officers, made one glad to put forth an extra effort to keep the appointment. Mercer Lodge is to be congratulated on starting a Masonic library. May it grow and become a real source of information and instruction to the brethren. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Marshall, and his officers put on the second degree in an able manner, showing a careful attention to details. The prospects of the lodge are splendid.

February 12th, 1918. Truly the Masonic brethren of the Royal City are to be congratulated

on their Masonic home. The visit to Guelph lodge on the above date was very enjoyable indeed, and the large attendance of younger men showed a healthy interest in the teachings and principles of Freemasonry. Worshipful Bro. Swift, with his officers, conferred the E. A. degree in a very impressive manner on a splendid type of Canadian manhood in the King's uniform. One could not help being impressed with the splendid array of Past Masters present. Masonry in Guelph is flourishing and Guelph Lodge is making steady progress.

February 25th, 1918. I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton. A goodly number of the brethren were present and the first degree was very ably exemplified by the Worshipful Master and officers. What Walker Lodge lacks in numbers, it more than makes up in the fraternal spirit between the brethren.

February 27th, 1918. I paid my official visit to Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown, and found the brethren at work in their newly decorated lodge rooms. The second degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Castell and his officers. The Master of Credit Lodge is very fortunate in having W. Bro. Ford as Secretary. Bro. Ford is not only a very efficient Secretary, but also a well posted Past Master. The auditors' report to the lodge was a work of art, and showed very careful and thoughtful effort in its preparation. This lodge is also making steady and solid growth.

On March 12th, 1918 I paid my official visit to Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Kitchener. This being my mother lodge, I looked forward to the event with considerable expectation and pleasure, feeling sure that the night would be a very profitable one to all, and so it proved to be. W. Bro. Downing and his very capable staff of officers conferred the third degree in a splendid and efficient manner, the candidate being well posted in his work, reflecting credit on the posting committee. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition and

has the happy faculty of making wise selections in its officers. New candidates are being admitted right along, and much care is exercised in the selection of material.

Waterloo, April 3rd, 1918. Waterloo Lodge (U.D.), instituted in June, 1917, is certainly making good. Under the able guidance of W. Bro. C. O. Hemphill, the W. M., and his excellent staff of officers, a solid Masonic foundation is being laid, whereon they hope to build an enduring structure. My visit to Waterloo Lodge on April 3rd was indeed a pleasant one. The work of this, the baby lodge of the district, is of a high order, and the degrees are given in a very impressive manner. The third degree was conferred on a fine type of candidate who had his work of the previous degrees about letter perfect. The record of this lodge to date is one of steady growth and we look forward to the future with confidence and expectation.

Guelph, April 8th, 1918. I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph. The spacious lodge room was taxed to seat the brethren present. Waverley Lodge has long held a very high reputation all over the district for the correctness and impressive manner in which they confer their degrees, and W. Bro. Marr and his officers splendidly upheld the traditions of the lodge. The sublime degree of a Master Mason was conferred on a bright and well posted candidate, and the officers received the hearty congratulations of the visitors for their excellent work. The presentation of a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Jaffray was also a truly Masonic event and a tribute of the esteem and affection in which he is held by his brethren.

On April 22nd, 1918 I paid my official visit to New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler. In my opinion, New Hope Lodge has the best lighting system in the district. On this night the Master and his officers conferred the third degree in a splendid manner on Bro. Jardine, a son of P.D.D. G.M. J. Jardine, who also assisted in the work. The officers are progressive and have their work in

good shape. The Secretary is proficient, careful and prompt. The prospects of the lodge are splendid.

April 26th, 1918. With a goodly number of the brethren from Waterloo, Kitchener and Ayr, I motored to Baden on April 26th to pay my official visit to the brethren of Wilmot Lodge, No. 318. Here we have a small lodge with a Master and officers capable of showing any of the bigger lodges how the degrees should be conferred. On the night of my visit, W. Bro. Gillespie and his officers conferred the first degree in a manner that delighted everyone present, and in the present Senior and Junior Wardens and Deacons, Wilmot Lodge has grand material for future Masters.

On May 7th 1918 the District Chaplain and a number of Kitchener brethren accompanied me to Guelph to pay my official visit to Speed Lodge, No. 180. W. Bro. Wood and his officers conferred the F. C. degree on a well posted candidate, who promises to be a splendid Mason. The officers of Speed Lodge, from Worshipful Master to Junior Steward, received the congratulations of the brethren present for the faultless manner in which they exemplified this degree. Speed Lodge is making growth and has a very capable and willing lot of Past Masters, of which any lodge might be proud.

Lodge of Instruction.

The Lodge of Instruction held in Kitchener on May 24th, under the auspices of Grand River Lodge No. 151, was a very profitable and happy event. Brethren from almost all the lodges in the district were present.

Most Worshipful Brother, W. H. Wardrope, Grand Master, graced the event with his presence, and the general opinion was that the Grand Master's address to the brethren in the lodge room just before the lodge closed, was one of the finest they had ever heard, and will be remembered by all who were privileged to hear it.

The Lodge of Instruction was opened at 2.30 p.m. by the officers of Grand River Lodge. The

distinguished visitors were received with Grand Honours.

At 3.00 p.m. the officers of New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, of New Hamburg, exemplified the first degree in a manner that brought forth the admiration of the brethren present.

At 4.00 p.m. the Fellowcraft degree was exemplified by the officers of Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph, and the same careful attention to the work by all the officers was in evidence.

At 5.00 p.m. the lodge was called off for refreshments and also to give the brethren the opportunity of getting better acquainted with each other.

At 8.00 p.m. the lodge was called on and the officers of Grand River Lodge, No. 151, exemplified the Master Masons' degree in a way that met the approval and appreciation of all present.

The brethren acting as candidates received the congratulations of the brethren for the faultless manner of answering the questions in the examinations of the various degrees. The floor work of the deacons in the different degrees was closely followed by all, and was so well done that it brought forth admiration instead of the usual criticism.

The lodge closed at 10.00 p.m., after the brethren had listened to a stirring address by the Grand Master.

Before closing this report, I wish to thank the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for his very kind and very necessary assistance. To the Grand Secretary for his prompt and ever ready service. To the Masters, officers and brethren of the District for the spirit of co-operation that has existed during the year.

I have made many warm friends, learned much of real Masonry, and trust that I, too, may have been of some service to my brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. DE KLEINHANS, D.D.G.M.,

Wellington District No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Wellington District No. 7, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations		Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 mths in arrears	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance		
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.																			
72	Alma	Galt	157	7	7	9	5	3	1	4	1	1	1	12	2	51	23	75 00	4	20 00	Dec. 21	1917	Good	Good	Yes	jointly	
151	Grand River	Kitchener	539	12	16	14	13	3	1	4	1	1	1	12	2	11	23	100 00	4	20 00	Dec. 27	1917	Excell't	Fine	Yes	2500 00	
172	Ayr	Ayr	251	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	11	50 00	1	135 50	Dec. 12	1917	Pair	Pair	Yes	700 00	
180	Speed	Guelph	198	10	16	10	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	12	13	25	32	48 00	20	135 50	Jan. 1	1918	Good	Excell't	Yes	jointly
203	Irvine	Eldora	106	7	5	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	13	18	60 00	5	30 00	June 24	1917	Pair	Pair	Yes	400 00	
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	43	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	11	10	25 00	12	86 00	June 24	1917	Good	Better	Yes	300 00	
219	Credit	Georgetown	110	3	14	14	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	21	16	29	4 00	14	60 00	Dec. 27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
257	Galt	Galt	221	5	14	14	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	12	13	26	29	71 00	1	60 00	Dec. 27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	jointly
258	Guelph	Guelph	183	14	16	15	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	9	22	29	71 00	1	60 00	Dec. 27	1917	Good	Excell't	Yes	600 00	
279	New Hope	Hespeler	110	3	8	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	10	7	17	27	60 00	5	28 00	Dec. 27	1917	Pair	Good	Yes	4100 00
295	Conestogo	Drayton	91	8	6	7	9	1	3	3	1	1	1	12	3	15	23	50 00	5	28 00	Dec. 30	1917	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
297	Preston	Preston	101	5	9	7	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	6	18	30	4	30 00	June 30	1917	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
318	Wilnot	Baden	31	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	11	11	12	20 00	26	110 00	April 1	1918	Pair	Pair	Yes	200 00	
321	Walker	Acton	92	11	10	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	6	18	12	20 00	1	110 00	Dec. 27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
347	Merced	Fergus	93	6	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	12	3	15	18	10 00	1	110 00	Jan. 1	1918	Good	Good	Yes	jointly
361	Waverley	Guelph	286	30	30	29	30	2	1	6	1	1	1	2	11	20	31	42	68 75	3	27 50	Dec. 27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	3500 00
509	Twin City	Kitchener	110	12	17	17	13	1	5	1	1	1	1	12	11	23	30	35 00	3	27 50	Dec. 27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
539	Waterloo	Waterloo	52	21	17	15	14	4	1	1	1	1	1	12	13	25	17	12 13	17	12 13	Dec. 27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour herewith to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton Eighth Masonic District for the past year. Permit me to express my very high appreciation of the honour conferred upon me by my election to the responsible position of D.D.G.M. in this old and prosperous district, and also of the many kindnesses shown me by the officers and members of the various lodges in the district, both in the lodge room and elsewhere.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. E. J. Whitworth as District Secretary, and I have here to express my appreciation and tender him my thanks for the very efficient and helpful manner in which he discharged his duties as such.

I did not hold a Lodge of Instruction, as I felt that the energy and money expended in doing so could be better spent in providing comforts for our boys overseas, Red Cross and other patriotic works especially in view of the fact that so uniform a manner of work prevails throughout the district, and that the social side of Masonry is not being neglected.

Official Visits.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook. On September 16th I had the pleasure of paying my first official visit to my mother lodge, where we were honoured by the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, W. H. Wardrope, and, after seeing the work done, as it always is in Harmony, in an almost perfect manner, an adjournment was made to the banquet room where about 250 brethren partook of a sumptuous repast and listened to Most Worshipful Bro. Wardrope and a number of R. W. and W. brethren speak upon the many excellencies of Masonry.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington. On October 19th I visited this lodge and was pleased to see the work of a second degree done in a most creditable and pleasing manner.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 513, Hamilton. On October 20th I visited this lodge and conducted the election of officers and, although this is the youngest lodge in the city, it is very progressive, and if unity and oneness of purpose count for anything, there is a bright future in store for Corinthian.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia. On November 28th I visited this lodge and, although the country was in the throes of an election and excitement running high, I found a good attendance, showing that though there are other important duties, the brethren never lose sight of the duties they owe to our time-honoured institution.

Electric Lodge, No. 495, Hamilton. On October 17th I visited this lodge and had the pleasure of conducting the election of officers. Was pleased to notice the deep interest taken by the brethren in the same, and to receive the assurance of the W. M. and others that the officers elect were capable and worthy brethren in whose hands the interest of the lodge would be well looked after. This is a lodge from which we expect good work in future as in the past.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton. On December 14th I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge and of seeing the very high esteem in which Most Worshipful Bro. Wardrope is held by members of this, his mother lodge, and of listening to words of counsel and direction from him. Acacia is one of the leading lodges in the district.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton. On December 11th I visited this lodge, and, as there was no special work, I contented myself with the assurance received that Temple Lodge was not behind in the performance of ritualistic work, and in listening to the programme which had been arranged for the banquet room.

Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, Hamilton. On this occasion, December 15th, I was accompanied by a number of brethren from my own and other lodges in the district, all of whom were loud in praise of the reception we received and of the manner in which the work was conducted by the efficient staff of officers. I am quite satisfied that the future prosperity of this lodge is assured.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton. My visit to this lodge on December 20th was a most satisfactory and pleasant one. Everything in good order and the lodge prosperous. It is no little pleasure to attend this lodge as many of the brethren of my mother lodge, who have since attended and taken part in the conferring of a first degree, can testify.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton. It is a great pleasure to attend this lodge, either officially or otherwise, and to me it seemed almost like being at home when I was taken by the hand and welcomed by W. Bro. D. G. Mc Ilwraith, a bright and enthusiastic P. M. of Harmony Lodge, who has since taken up his residence in the city and become an active member of Strict Observance. This is one of the old and prosperous lodges of the district and, as was to be expected, does its work in an almost perfect manner, and has, I am sure, a bright future.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove. On November 27th I paid my official visit to this lodge and was pleased to find a large attendance of brethren, and also a deputation from the city, who had gone up to pay a fraternal visit and present the lodge with a pair of Ashlars, showing the high esteem in which the brethren of Waterdown are held by their city brethren. We were pleased to find the lodge prosperous and in good working order.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek. I visited this lodge on December 24th and was right royally received by W. Bro. Stewart and his officers. I was certainly very much pleased with the very impressive manner in which the work was done, showing

that the brethren of Wentworth are alive to the interests of Masonry and that a bright future awaits this lodge.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York. This lodge was recently transferred from the Niagara to the Hamilton District and, owing to some cause or other, did not receive an official visit from my predecessor in person, and unfortunately the time set for my visit (February 28th) was a very boisterous and rainy night and but a small number turned out, but those who did were delighted with the almost perfect and very impressive manner in which W. M. Brown and his officers conferred a third degree upon Lieut. Forster, who came from Toronto on leave to receive it. Although this lodge is not strong in numbers, it seems strong in the work it does.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas. I visited this lodge on March 11th and was pleased to see so large an attendance and to receive so cordial a welcome, and to note the impressive manner in which the work was done by W. Bro. Small and his efficient staff of officers. I am sure the interests of the craft are being well looked after in the Valley City.

Seymour Lodge No. 272, Ancaster. On April 23rd I visited this lodge and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather found a good attendance and everything in good shape, the work well done, and everything going smoothly.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton. I visited this lodge on April 25th and was very cordially received, and also much gratified with the very efficient manner in which the work of the third degree was done, showing that the brethren of St. Clair are alive to the interests of their candidates.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville. On May 7th I visited this lodge and was pleased with the reception tendered me as representative of the G. M., and with the work of a second degree as exemplified by the Master and his officers.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro'. On May 23rd I received a cordial welcome at this lodge and was pleased with the way in which the work of a second degree was performed by the W. M. and his efficient staff. Dufferin is to be congratulated upon the splendid new hall to which they have since removed and which has been dedicated for Masonic purposes, a hall perhaps second to none in the district.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton. I visited this old and historic lodge on June 12th, and conducted the election of officers. Was pleased and impressed with the excellent showing of the lodge and the able manner in which W. Bro. Davis and his officers conducted the affairs of the lodge. I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to them for their very kind remembrance handed to me.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton. On June 17th I paid my official visit to this lodge and conducted the election of officers. The work of selecting officers for the coming year was carried through with unanimity and smoothness which speaks well for the future of this lodge.

And now, Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, once more permit me to express my thanks to the brethren of the district for the universal kindness shown to me, and to bespeak for my successor in office the same generous treatment I have received.

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. SENN, D.D.G.M.,

Hamilton District No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Hamilton District No. 8, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	Memberships	Deer's Cou'd	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total	Meet's held	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W M work all degrees?	Insurance	
61	Barton.	Hamilton.	176	4	8	8	10	5	2	1	4	1	11	10	11	36	150	03	11	384	00	Dec	Excel'l	Good	Yes	\$3.50 ft
27	Strict Obs'vanc	Hamilton.	474	19	29	30	20	5	1	1	1	1	13	10	15	25	62	285	20	13	136	50	June	Good	Yes	500 gen
40	St. John's.	Hamilton.	550	15	35	34	33	5	1	3	1	1	9	12	3	20	95	200	00	70	300	00	Dec	Good	Yes	jointly
57	Harmony.	Blubrook.	146	6	6	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	8	12	3	15	45	605	00	80	00	Dec	Good	Yes	1500 00	
61	Acacia.	Hamilton.	576	18	27	24	24	4	1	1	1	1	13	12	25	105	78	75	20	80	00	Dec	Good	Yes	jointly	
62	St. Andrew's.	Caledonia.	95	3	3	3	1	3	1	7	1	1	11	13	1	14	20	190	00	1	49	00	Dec	Good	Yes	200 00
100	Valley.	Dundas.	231	13	19	16	9	3	1	1	1	1	11	8	19	38	80	00	3	71	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	1300 00	
135	St. Clair.	Milton.	122	6	6	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	2	13	21	12	80	00	Dec	Good	Good	Yes	1350 00		
165	Burlington.	Burlington.	152	3	8	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	1	17	38	110	00	3	22	40	Dec	Good	Yes	1400 00
166	Wentworth.	Stoney Creek.	106	12	12	7	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	13	5	18	30	20	85	00	Dec	O.K.	Good	Yes	600 00	
185	Emiskillen.	York.	41	3	4	2	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	14	5	19	18	26	00	1	7	00	Dec.	Fair	Yes	300 00
272	Seymour.	Ancaster.	111	2	11	8	10	1	1	7	1	1	2	12	4	16	27	15	00	9	36	00	June	Fair	Yes	3000 00
291	Dufferin.	W. Flamboro	436	19	21	18	18	1	3	1	1	1	1	10	12	22	12	125	00	10	70	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	jointly
324	Temple.	Hamilton.	146	16	19	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	6	19	21	10	40	24	176	50	Dec.	Good	Yes	500 00
357	Waterdown.	Milkgrove.	123	11	11	13	10	4	1	1	1	1	7	12	3	15	61	565	00	11	71	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	300 00
382	Doric.	Hamilton.	198	7	7	11	16	8	1	1	1	1	3	11	10	20	30	111	00	25	120	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	100 00
400	Oakville.	Oakville.	312	35	37	58	59	8	1	1	1	1	1	10	11	24	66	194	00	2	12	00	Dec.	V. good	Yes	jointly
475	Dundurn.	Hamilton.	322	46	48	48	48	3	1	1	1	1	1	12	11	23	60	350	00	6	48	00	Dec.	Excel'l	Yes	jointly
495	Electric.	Hamilton.	224	58	56	50	44	2	1	1	1	1	2	12	16	28	61	110	00	7	51	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	200 00
513	Corinthian.	Hamilton.	224	58	56	50	44	2	1	1	1	1	2	12	16	28	61	110	00	7	51	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	200 00

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

As another Masonic year draws to its close, it is my pleasant duty to submit to you my official report on the condition of the craft in Georgian District No. 9. In doing so, I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren for the many courtesies they have extended to me during the past year, and to express to them my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me in electing me as their representative in this district. I am likewise grateful to all who have so kindly assisted me when occasion demanded their advice and co-operation.

My first duty was to appoint W. Bro. J. B. Barr, of Corinthian Lodge, Barrie, as District Secretary, and Bro. (Rev.) E. B. Taylor, of Kerr Lodge, Barrie, as District Chaplain, both of whom performed their duties with the usual Masonic zeal and to both of whom I return my sincere thanks.

Shortly after assuming office, I was instructed by the M. W. the Grand Master to institute the new lodge at Port McNicoll, to be known as Earl Kitchener Lodge in honour of that great Mason and soldier who lost his life in defence of the empire and democracy. I may say I had some doubts as to the wisdom of my predecessor in recommending this lodge, but after careful observation I find that the judgment of R. W. Bro. Hill was well founded. I accordingly arranged with the officers for September 12th, 1917, for the Institution ceremonies. I found on arrival an exceptionally enthusiastic lot of brethren and a lodge room well equipped, their finances were excellent to start with, leaving a balance in the bank after all expenses incurred, had, been paid. The W. Master, W. B. Wardell, was a Past Master of Victoria Lodge, Victoria Harbour, one well versed in the work and held in high esteem by his brethren and fellows. He has been

a Mason fifty years and I can congratulate the brethren in the judgment they exercised in appointing him as their first Master.

To W. Bro. McPhee a great deal of credit is due for the initial success of this lodge and he has given of his time and talent, to ensure its prosperity, most liberally.

Official Visits.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetang, was visited on January 3rd, 1918, and I had the honour of assisting in the installation of the officers. The W. M., W. Bro. J. D. Roderick, being a particularly old friend. I was pleased to see him aspiring for the East. The officers are well skilled in their work and they enjoy the distinction of having a large number of energetic Past Masters who take a great interest in the lodge. V. W. Bro. Keefe, the Secretary, is efficient and well skilled in the symbolism of Masonry.

Orilia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia, enjoys the distinction of being the largest in Georgian District and, I might add, one of the most hospitable. I visited here on January 25th, and found the W. M., W. Bro. Kirkpatrick, a most efficient and popular officer. The work of every officer in the lodge showed the training and care of R. W. Bro. W. H. Tudhope, P.D.D.G.M., who takes a great interest in the lodge and with whom every officer works well. The Chaplain of the lodge, Bro. Malott, has been a big help to the lodge and has contributed largely to the success of many of our social functions. I regret, personally, that he is about to be removed from Georgian District. I also wish to call especial attention to the share the members of this lodge are taking in the great struggle in Europe. The honour roll of this lodge shows a very large proportion of its members to have donned the King's uniform.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood. I visited here on February 12th, and have much pleasure in reporting that it was one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings held by me this year. The

rooms, which are the largest in the district, were packed. The P. Ms. take a great interest and are a wonderful help to the Master. It was also Past Masters' night and they filled the several offices and exemplified the first degree in a proficient manner. This meeting was also the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Manito Lodge, instituted in 1858.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford was visited on March 5th. This lodge is fortunate in having one of the ability of W. Bro. Masters to grace the East. His work was particularly clear and impressive and should be an incentive to the other officers of this lodge. There are a large number of enthusiastic Masons in Meaford and, when I dedicated the new lodge room at Alliston, some months later, several car loads motored down some 65 miles to see the ceremony.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg. I had the pleasure of visiting the W. M. and officers here on March 6th. Each and every officer had his work well in hand and I think that scarcely a mistake was made during the whole degree. I place the work done here equal to the best in the District, and I trust the officers will continue the standard set on this occasion.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, Midland. I visited the Midland brethren on March 25th; W. Bro. Dr. Johnston was in the chair and did his work very well. I believe some improvement would result here by a closer understanding between the brethren. The black ball has been used injudiciously at times and there is only one inevitable result to this, viz., "Dissension," which usually wrecks a lodge and leaves it stripped of its Masonic robes: "Unity and Concord."

Kitchener Lodge, U.D., Port McNicoll. On March 26th I again visited W. Bro. Wardell and his officers and received a complete surprise at the ability and dignity with which these officers performed their work. One might suggest that they were keyed up, perhaps, for the occasion, but I feel

competent to judge whether officers are temporarily on edge or not, and I have no hesitancy in saying that if the goodwill and fellowship combined with good work continues, Kitchener Lodge will rank among the best. W. Bro. Wardell takes a great interest in the work of his junior officers and during the winter evenings makes good use of them in the lodge room, improving each officer in turn. He is a faithful observer of the book of Constitution and his judgment and Masonic wisdom have guided his lodge to the threshold of perfection. A large number of the members are marine men and consequently are absent a lot during summer months but come back in the fall with renewed vigour and they all say they are going to make their lodge the best in the Georgian District and a "Home of Welcome" to the brother who can visit with them.

Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbour, was visited by me on March 27th. A pleasant evening was spent. The W. M., W. Bro. McArthur, exemplified the first degree. W. Bro. Byron Brown is a wonderful help to this lodge and makes a most efficient Secretary. Owing to the proximity of Kitchener Lodge, I would suggest to my successor that he give special consideration to Victoria Lodge so that it may continue to hold the position it has always maintained in this district.

Corinthian Lodge No. 96, and Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie. This being my home town, and having an opportunity to see the work done from time to time, I therefore arranged to hold a joint meeting on April 19th, and dispensed with degree work, having the officers of both lodges open and close in the several degrees. Afterwards, a most instructive address was given by V. W. Bro. Keefe, of Penetang, on the "Relationship of the figure Three to Masonry." This is well worth hearing. One of the oldest Masons in Barrie is W. M. of Corinthian Lodge and has the support of many Past Masters. I refer to W. Bro. Robt. King.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, is presided over by W. Bro. Craig with a good set of officers. W. Bro. Duff as secretary, performs this work well and is a

great help to the Master in conferring degrees. The Barrie Lodges have always maintained a very high standard of efficiency. The officers in the past have devoted considerable time and ability to that end, so I trust the present officers will strive to attain the standard set by their predecessors.

Karnak Lodge, No. 492, Coldwater. Visited on April 25th. I examined the officers on the first degree and on the opening and closing in the several degrees. The work was fairly well done and some good junior officers are in training for the East. A little vim on the part of the membership and more work for the Past Masters will contribute to an improvement in this lodge.

Coronation Lodge, No. 466, Elmvale. I visited this lodge on May 3rd, and found everything that could be wished for. Their lodge room is bright, tidy and a lovely home for the brethren. The work done by the W. M. in the first degree and also in opening and closing in the other degrees, was perhaps the best individual work in the district. It is a great pleasure to visit this lodge; the brethren are willing to learn, and I look for a very bright future for Coronation Lodge. W. Bro. Foster attends to the Secretary's desk and does his work well.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown was visited on April 30th. The officers put on the first degree well, W. Bro. Chantler excelling himself as all Masters should. This lodge is situated in a good agricultural district and I bespeak for it a very bright future. V. W. Bro. MacKay spares no energy in the fulfilment of his duties as Secretary. There are also a number of Past Masters who are a great help to the W. M.

Nitetis Lodge, No. 444, Creemore. On May 10th I motored to Creemore and visited the officers of that lodge. The officers are endeavouring to do their work well, but the lodge might be improved by the officers realizing the importance of the junior officers, and improving those occupying them, as they would the higher ones. W. Bro. Lennox

attends to his duties as Secretary with skill and ability.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud. I visited here on May 21st. The work of the W. M., W. Bro. Black, and his Wardens left no room for criticism. I trust my recommendation for enlarged quarters will be given serious consideration during the coming year. I worked a Board of Trial and the brethren made several enquiries during the work showing the interest they have in maintaining their standard of efficiency. This is one of the best lodges in the district.

Tottenham Lodge, No. 467, Tottenham, was visited by me on May 27th. I found a nicely equipped lodge room and a very good staff of officers. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. McDoull, and was fairly well done. The S. W. Bro. Clark, does his work admirably and with precision. He will, undoubtedly, give a good account of his ability when he goes to the Chair of King Solomon. A little more practice in the work, with some Masonic literature to discuss, will improve the standard wonderfully.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton. I visited the officers of Spry Lodge on May 28th. The W. M., W. Bro. Brewster, and officers are doing nicely, but can add considerably to the smoothness of the work by having a few practices. The work of the evening was a first degree and was done fairly well. The lodge enjoys the privilege of having a very faithful and efficient Secretary in W. Bro. W. T. Stewart. The lodge room has recently been rewired and when completed will provide very comfortable quarters for the brethren.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner, I visited on June 4th. The officers are well skilled and the lodge enjoys the reputation of efficiency. The W. Master and his officers exemplified the first degree which was given well. W. Bro. Campbell delivered the lecture. We spent some time in discussion and the meeting was profitable to all. W. Bro. D. G. Bell, the Secretary, is to be commended for his efficiency and zeal.

Seven Star Lodge, Alliston, No. 285. I made my official visit on June 14th. Owing to the craft having purchased new quarters, I had to withhold my visit to Seven Star until the above date, when I was instructed by the M. W. the Grand Master to dedicate the new quarters. I was very ably assisted in the ceremony by P.D.D.G.Ms. Hamill, of Meaford; Bethune, of Stayner, Tudhope of Orillia; Brown and Hill, of Alliston, and to each and all I owe a debt of gratitude for their assistance and advice. I had also the honour of a large number of Past Masters to whom I also extend my thanks. Grand Lodge was duly opened, and, after introduction to the lodge, the ceremony was proceeded with, assisted by about forty members of Grand Lodge. The hall was examined and found to correspond with the requirements of the architect, the corn, wine and oil was displayed and the lodge declared to be legally and duly dedicated, whereupon Grand Lodge retired and Seven Star Lodge enters into one of the most comfortable quarters one could wish for. My earnest hope is that the lodge may prosper commensurately with the enthusiasm of its brethren.

Summary.

At the beginning of my visits, I concluded my duty was more as a helper than an entertainer, and consequently I gave every thought to the benefit of the lodge rather than the fourth degree. With this in view I personally worked a Board of Trial in all the lodges but one, where time would not permit, and I feel assured the brethren were much benefited thereby. I also had the lodges called from labour, which ceremony is often neglected.

May I add a word in defence of the fourth degree, during these days of stress, and say that the lodges in this district have not gone to extremes in this respect but simply provided a menu commensurate with the Government requirements and I honestly believe a great deal of good was derived by the brethren from the many and sincere addresses delivered, tending to impress on us our responsibilities as men and as Masons to the State

and to the craft of which we form a part. I would suggest for my successor that he give attention to the insurance held by lodges which often is inadequate. Junior officers, I would respectfully suggest give more attention to detail in the junior chairs so that when they become Masters they will be able to correctly direct the movement of the officers under them. To Masters, in particular, there is not sufficient attention paid to the Book of Constitution and the By-laws, likewise the Antient Charges and Regulations, which point out the duty of the Master of a lodge, believing that he should during his term of office pay particular attention to those duties thereby giving the Past Masters the responsibility of conferring the degrees.

I regret to report the death of V. W. Bro. J. F. Palling, of Kerr Lodge, No. 230, who died overseas, the result of a stroke. He was initiated in Kerr Lodge, No. 230, then located at Belle Ewart, but since transferred to Barrie and occupied the East during 1882, 1883 and 1884, and has been a faithful and zealous attendant during the many years he was privileged to remain with us. When the 177th Battalion of Simcoe was organizing he realized his responsibility and enlisted as the medical officer of the battalion, going overseas with it, where he was stricken down, and after two months' illness, succumbed. His body was brought home to Barrie and buried with Masonic honours in the quaint old churchyard of St. Paul's, where he had worshipped as a boy. In 1914 he was Grand Sword Bearer on the occasion of the Grand Lodge assembly at Niagara Falls. His words of encouragement at our meetings will ever keep his memory green.

In conclusion, I desire to say that I entered upon my duties fully realizing my responsibilities and shortcomings and have endeavoured to fill the office to the best of my ability. If my services have been any help to the lodges I shall feel fully repaid and pray my shortcomings may be forgiven and forgotten. The courteous treatment and Masonic

spirit which has always been in evidence on the occasion of my visits I shall never forget.

The gavel now passes to other hands, and it is with deep feeling of pleasure and regret that I sever myself officially from you.

I shall ever retain many happy recollections of the pleasant evenings spent with you and the host of friends it has been my privilege to enjoy.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN LITTLE, D.D.G.M.,

Georgian District No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Georgian District No. 9, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodges	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Confid		Meet's held										Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance							
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent							Total	Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arre's			
90	Manito	Collingwood	236	11		6	8	11	5	1	3		1	1	1	12	35	125	00	12	100	00	June	24	1917	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
96	Corinthian	Barrie	225	6		15	15	14	1	1	3	6		1	1	1	20	26	20	00	31	00	Dec.	28	1917	Good	Good	No	1141 Rd.
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	129																										
192	Orillia	Orillia	322	25		25	32	29	7	6	8	2	3	11	23	34	330	268	00	7	60	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
230	Kerr	Barrie	192	5		6	5	5	2	1	1		3	10	4	13	30	5	00	7	24	00	June	24	1917	Good	Fair	Yes	1500 00
234	Reaver	Clarksburg	85	1		1	3	3	1	1			1	10	2	12	15	36	00	7	24	00	Jan.	4	1918	Good	Fair	Yes	1000 00
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	91	6		5	7	7	1	1			13	2	15	25							Dec.	27	1917	Fair	Bright	Yes	1200 00
249	Caledonian	Midland	215	14		10	9	9	3	1			12	4	16	25							Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	3000 00
266	Northern Light	Stayner	52	8		7	5	4	1	1	1		11	2	13	17	187	00	10	42	00	Dec.	27	1917	Fair	Good	Yes	1100 00	
285	Seven Star	Alliston	100	15		14	15	12	1	1			12	16	28	18	18	00	10	42	00	Dec.	27	1917	Fair	Good	Yes	3000 00	
301	Minerva	Stroud	106	10		9	9	8	1	1			2	10	4	14	21	100	00	2	25	00	Dec.	27	1917	Fair	Good	Yes	1100 00
348	Georgian	Pentanguishene	111	5		5	6	7	1	1			12	6	18	18	11	00	2	25	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
385	Spy	Beeton	69	3		6	6	4	1	1	6	1	12	4	16	20		6	25	00	41	00	Dec.	27	1917	Fair	Good	Yes	1100 00
414	Niticks	Creemore	82	6		6	8	5	1	2	3	2	11	5	16	21		6	49	00	41	00	Dec.	28	1917	Fair	Fair	No	400 00
466	Coronation	Elmvale	83	3		4	5	4	1	1			2	10	3	13	15	22	00	10	41	00	Dec.	29	1917	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	56	3		2	1	1		3			11	3	16	21				6	49	00	Dec.	29	1917	Good	Fair	Yes	125 00
470	Victoria	Victoria Harbor	132	3		2	2	4		3			2	12	2	14	21	78	00	10	50	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Fair	Yes	800 00
492	Karnak	Coldwater	71	5		1	2	3		4			1	12	3	15	16	54	00	11	14	00	Jan.	27	1918	Good	Fair	No	600 00
538	Earl Kitchener	Port McNicol	48	48		9	8	7	11				9	8	17	23				11	14	00	June	24	1918	Good	Excel't	Yes	1000 00

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Niagara District No. 10.

Before entering upon the details of my report, I wish to express to the brethren my sincere thanks for electing me to this high and honourable office, one which I scarcely dared hope to attain, and which I accepted with fear and trembling; but, thanks to the kind offices performed on every hand, together with the splendid condition of Masonry generally throughout the district, I found the duties very light indeed. For the consideration and courtesy accorded me I return to the brethren my sincere thanks.

I made nineteen official visits during my tenure of office. Harmony resigns in every lodge throughout the district. All are housed in comfortable quarters—indeed, many of the rooms are luxuriously furnished. The dues are fairly well paid up, in fact, Masonry in this district is making splendid progress in every way, in increase in members, in larger attendance, in larger spirit of benevolence, and in a deeper sense of the meaning and obligations of the law of universal brotherhood. The brethren are trying faithfully to do their duty, and I have tried to impress upon them that, while we should cultivate accuracy in presenting the work of Masonry, the essential thing is being true to the teachings of our Order.

Constitution, Consecration, Dedication and Installation.

On October 1st, 1917, assisted by a large number of Past Masters from the district, I had the pleasure of constituting and consecrating the lodge, dedicating the rooms and installing the officers of Phoenix Lodge, No. 535, Fonthill.

Official Visits.

Coronation Lodge, No. 502, Smithville. I visited this lodge on October 29th, 1917, and was most cordially received by the brethren. The attendance was very good. W. Bro. Brant and officers, assisted by Past Masters, conferred the second degree in splendid form. The Secretary does his work well and reports the dues fairly well paid up.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines. I visited this lodge on November 27th, 1917. The meeting was well attended. W. Bro. Harper is very enthusiastic, does his work well, and is assisted by a good staff of officers and Past Masters. The work of the evening was a third degree. The books are well kept and the dues well paid up.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South. I visited this lodge on January 8th, 1918. The attendance was fair. W. Bro. Payne very ably conferred the first degree on two candidates and the other officers did their work in a very pleasing manner. I am sorry to say the Past Masters are not as active as I would like to see them, most of them being conspicuous by their absence. The dues are fairly well paid up and the prospects for the future are bright.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines. I made arrangements to visit this lodge on January 31st, 1918, but owing to illness I was unable to do so. I therefore deputed R. W. Bro. H. F. Johnston to act for me. I wish at this time to thank the R. W. Bro. for his kindness on that occasion. From what I know of the brethren of Maple Leaf Lodge, I am safe in saying that it is well cared for and in flourishing condition.

King Edward VII. Lodge, No. 471, Chippawa. I visited this lodge on February 6th, 1918. Owing to poor train service the W. M. was unable to be there until late, but in his absence W. Bro. Dr. Gray occupied the chair and exemplified the second degree in a faultless manner. The Secretary was unable to be present but, in looking over the books,

I found them in good shape. Quite a number of petitions are being received and, generally speaking, the lodge is prosperous.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold. I visited this lodge on February 20th, 1918. There was a large attendance. The second degree was worked by W. Bro. Higgins and officers in a very impressive manner. The Past Masters take an active interest in the lodge and materially assist in the work. The books are well kept and the dues fairly well collected.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville. I visited this lodge on February 27th, 1918. The brethren were out in goodly numbers. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the first degree. W. Bro. Clark does his work well and is supported by loyal Past Masters. The other officers also do good work. The Secretary has his books in good shape and the dues are fairly well paid up. On the whole, the lodge is in a splendid condition.

Macnab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne. I visited this lodge on March 26th, 1918. The third degree was splendidly conferred by the Past Masters. The Master and officers are able to work all degrees. The attendance was very good indeed. The books are well kept and the dues fairly well paid up. Many petitions are being presented and the lodge is progressing very satisfactorily.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Pt. Dalhousie. I visited this lodge on March 27th, 1918. There was no degree work, but the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a manner which proved W. Bro. Hunter and officers capable of doing good work. The books are neatly kept by W. Bro. Johnston, and the dues are fairly well paid up.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg. I visited this lodge on April 2nd, 1918. I was most cordially received by a large number of brethren. W. Bro. Graham and officers conferred the second degree splendidly. The Past Masters are giving the Master good support. The Secretary keeps his books

in good shape. Generally speaking, the lodge is making good progress.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland. I visited this lodge on April 18th, 1918, and witnessed the third degree. It was well done by W. Bro. Foster and officers, assisted by Past Masters.

The lodge is growing steadily and the future looks good. Bro. Main, the Secretary, has held that office for upwards of thirty years and is still able to do his work well and help to keep the younger brethren in line. This lodge has no outstanding dues.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland. I visited this lodge on April 22nd, 1918. There was a large attendance. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Avern and officers in a faultless manner. Quite a number of petitions are being received and the prospects for the lodge are good. The Secretary, W. Bro. Dawdy, does his work splendidly and has his books posted and written up at all times.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson. I visited this lodge on April 23rd, 1918. Owing to a heavy rainstorm the attendance was not large. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was well done by W. Bro. Vanalstine and officers. The Secretary was unable to be present, but the books appear to be accurately kept.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 535, Fonthill. I visited this lodge on April 29th, 1918. The attendance was fair. There was no degree work, but on examination, I found the W. M. and officers were skilled in the work and able to confer all degrees. The Secretary is an efficient officer and keeps his books in good shape. Although this is the baby lodge of the district, it is progressing nicely.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls. I visited this lodge on May 2nd, 1918. There were about five hundred present, about two hundred of them from the American side of the river. The feature of the evening was the unveiling of the Honour Roll and the presentation of Canadian and

American flags. I again visited this lodge on May 23rd, when one first and two third degrees were worked by the acting Master, W. Bro. Church. The W. M. having been called away from the City in the early part of the year has been unable to attend many of the meetings, but the affairs are well looked after by the acting Master. The Past Masters are kept enthusiastic by having lots of work to do. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. S. D. Warren, is the mainstay of the lodge and has things in order at all times.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines. I visited this lodge on May 15th, 1918. There was a splendid attendance. W. Bro. Harrap and officers worked the first degree in a most excellent manner. The J. W. lecture was well given and illustrated in a manner which could not fail to impress the candidate. The Past Masters are very active and are a great assistance to the W. M. W. Bro. Brown, the Secretary, is an enthusiastic worker, does his work well, and has the dues well collected.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville. I visited this lodge on May 21st, 1918. W. Bro. Trevelyan and officers exemplified the first degree in a very creditable way. The meeting resolved itself into a farewell to the W. M., who expected to go overseas in a few days. In his absence the work will be looked after by W. Bro. Frampton, who is well qualified, and will see to it that things are conducted in a proper manner. The finances of the lodge are in good shape and the books well kept.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake. I visited this lodge on May 22nd, 1918. The meeting was graced by the presence of quite a number of American and Canadian soldiers. Two first degrees were conferred. W. Bro. Coleman and staff did exceptionally well, and things went along very smoothly. Bro. Bishop is a new Secretary, but is taking a hold of the work in a business-like way, and I am sure will make good.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport. I visited this lodge on June 18th, 1918. This being a rural lodge, it was not opened until quite late.

Most of the members are farmers and this is a time of year when every hour of daylight is of vital importance to them. There being no degree work, the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a very satisfactory manner. The books are accurately kept and dues fairly well paid up.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby. I visited this lodge on June 24th, 1918, and had the honour and privilege of meeting the M. W. the Grand Master, who was present to do honour to our distinguished R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, who initiated his first-born son, Capt. Harold Drope, on that date. I also witnessed the first degree conferred by the regular officers and can safely say it was done splendidly. A very large number were present, in fact, the lodge room was taxed to its utmost capacity. The address by the M. W. the Grand Master was most inspiring and no doubt will live long in the memory of those whose privilege it was to hear it. I found the records and books of this lodge well kept and everything in splendid working condition.

In conclusion, permit me again to thank the brethren of the district for the high honour conferred upon myself and my mother lodge in electing me to the high office of D.D.G.M., and for the courteous manner in which I have invariably been received on my official visits. I have tried my best to do my duty and in surrendering the gavel of office to my successor, I feel I am handing over to him this large and influential district in a very satisfactory condition, and I bespeak for him the same cordial and loyal support which has been accorded me during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

C. J. DIDEMUS, D.D.G.M.,

Niagara District, No. 10

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Niagara District No. 10, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	Memb- ership		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations		Restorations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 mths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance		
						E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular	Emergent	Total																	
2	Niagara	Niagara	115	12		8		5	4		1				2	7	19	27	80	60	18	69	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	2500 00	
7	Union	Grimsby	168	14		12	10	7	1		1				1	3	18	30	5	00	70	537	00	June	Good	Yes	800 00	
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	182	14		17	12	12			3				3	10	8	12	100	00	300	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	300 00		
32	Amity	Dunnville	164	13		20	10	13	3		3				5	11	16	30	25	9	90	50	Dec.	Good	Yes	1000 00		
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	284	16		19	24	23	3		2				4	14	17	27	39	121	00	162	00	June	Good	Yes	300 00	
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	181	11		8	11	12	3		3				4	4	5	19	28	143	12	148	85	Dec.	Good	Yes	300 00	
115	Ivy	Beamsville	135	11		5	3	4			1				4	1	2	15	30	13	176	35	Dec.	Good	Yes	1500 00		
168	Merritt	Welland	181	11		13	15	12			4				10	12	22	35	20	20	177	25	Dec.	Good	Yes	500 00		
169	MacNab	Pt. Colborne	112	14		12	9	10	2		4				2	16	7	23	20	9	63	50	Dec.	Good	Yes	600 00		
221	Mountain	Thorold	186	14		11	11	11	3		3				2	12	9	21	42	12	51	75	Dec.	Good	Yes	1000 00		
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	291	19		5	18	17	1		2				3	14	15	20	17	112	73	37	181	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	500 00
277	Seymour	Pt. Dalhousie	277	5		1	4	5	1		1				2	1	2	10	0	8	49	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	500 00		
296	Temple	St. Catharines	177	15		7	13	20	12		2				12	1	13	25	40	00	8	49	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	1000 00	
337	Myrtle	Pt. Robinson	63	4		4	4	4			1				1	1	1	1	1	8	00		Jan.	Good	Yes	500 00		
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	80	2		2	2	1			1				1	1	7	16	26	3	27	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	1000 00		
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	117	7		3	5	2	1		2				2	2	3	15	20	190	00		June	Good	Yes	400 00		
373	Copstone	Welland	191	23		26	26	30	1		2				1	1	1	25	38	35	00		Dec.	Good	Yes	700 00		
471	K. G. Edward vii	Chippawa	59	9		9	5	5	1		1				10	3	13	15	10	0	4	11	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	300 00	
502	Coronation	Smithville	57	3		3	1	4	2		1				2	1	3	17	5	00	3	33	25	Dec.	Good	Yes	500 00	
535	Phoenix	Ponthill	51	2		4	3	2			1				1	2	3	15	18				Dec.	Good	Yes	400 00		

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

May I preface my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto West District No. 11 by reiterating and amplifying the expression of thanks which I sent to the lodges of the district immediately after my election last year. I was then grateful for the honour conferred and for what seemed to be opportunity for service, but I did not fully anticipate how pleasurable, how fascinating, the duties of the office would be. The courtesy and the fraternal spirit which have seemed to animate all the brethren with whom my duties have brought me into contact will be a pleasurable memory as long as I shall live.

My first official act was to appoint a District Secretary, W. Bro. J. G. Musson.

Lodge of Instruction.

In the early autumn, R. W. Bro. W. S. Ormiston, D.D.G.M. of Toronto East District, No. 11a, R. W. Bro. Charles Murphy, D.D.G.M. of Toronto Centre District No. 11b, and I, met to confer as to craft matters affecting the three districts, when it was decided to be desirable to hold a lodge of instruction jointly for the benefit of the three districts. The date fixed was November 8th and my colleagues generously offered that the honour of having the meeting under its auspices be given to a lodge of my nomination in this district. Subsequently W. Bro. W. J. McCollum accepted my invitation to have the meeting in University Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, College Street. The attendance was large. At 3.30 in the afternoon, the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. W. J. McCollum, W. M., and the officers of University Lodge, with full musical ritual, after which the questions that arose, as to methods, were referred to a Board

composed of the three D.D.G.Ms., the three Immediate Past D.D.G.Ms., who are R. W. Bros. Tugwell, Rowland and Lawrence, with the addition of R. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, P.D.D.G.M. Subsequently the second and third degrees were exemplified by officers of lodges representative of the other districts.

Dedication.

In October I had the honour of dedicating the splendid new building which has been erected in the town of Mimico as the home of Connaught Lodge, No. 501. The building is a commodious brick structure of two stories with a concrete basement. Its erection is a very tangible evidence of the zeal of the brethren of the lodge. I was assisted in the ceremony of dedication by a number of distinguished Masons.

Consecration.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, it was my privilege to perform the ceremony of consecration and constitution of Ulster Lodge, No. 537, in Freemasons' Hall, College Street, on the 29th of October, in the presence of a very large assemblage of Masons. I had the honour of having associated with me in the ceremony, M. W. Bro. the Hon. W. D. McPherson, K.C., P.G.M., and many other notable brethren.

Institution.

On March 15th, by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, I instituted a new lodge, denominated Tuscan Lodge, in Freemasons' Hall, College Street. The attendance of charter members and visiting brethren was large, and I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Charles Murphy, D.D.G.M., of Toronto Centre District, No. 11b, R. W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence and other present and Past Grand Lodge officers.

Official Visits.

High Park was the first lodge in the district to which I paid an official visit, January 17th, and I was grateful to W. Bro. Edward A. Blackhall, the W. M., for inviting me to make my inspection in January, a month in which a D.D.G.M. can do little, owing to the desire of newly installed officers to have at least a month or two of experience before submitting to the acid test of inspection. The exemplification of the degree was almost faultless. While not quite word perfect, the officers, without exception, performed their several parts with a perfection of enunciation and articulation and an earnestness of expression which profoundly impressed the candidate and was an inspiration to all the brethren present. The lodge has a highly efficient Secretary in V. W. Bro. Magill, whose records are neat and accurate and showed the dues closely collected.

St. George was also a lodge which welcomed an early inspection, on February 1st. Although the weather was very inclement on the night of my visit, the seats were well filled with members who had just cause for pride in the manner in which W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel and his officers exemplified the work. The exceptional ability of at least two of the officers deserves especial mention. The Worshipful Master may safely be taken as a model by all young Masons who aspire to seats in the East and who hope to rule lodges with distinction. The J. W., Bro. Archer, gifted with a singularly clear and pleasing voice, and, like the W. M., word perfect, is probably unexcelled among the wardens of the year.

March 14th. University Lodge, the chosen Masonic home of a large number of professors, graduates and undergraduates of the University of Toronto, is doing good work. While University is what is known as a "class" lodge, it is imbued with the true fraternal spirit and its relations with its sister lodges are most cordial and mutually helpful. The officers perform their work with assiduity and zeal. On the occasion of my official

visit, a third degree was conferred most impressively. by W. Bro. C. H. C. Wright and his officers.

March 20th. Occident Lodge, whose membership exceeds 400 and whose history dates back more than forty years, is maintaining its splendid reputation for doing good work. It has a creditable honour roll of fighting men of whose welfare the brethren at home are ever mindful. Degrees are correctly conferred with due impressiveness, I judged after seeing a candidate initiated by W. Bro. Maxwell F. Smeall and his officers on the occasion of my official visit. The records are well kept by Bro. C. C. Wightman, the veteran Secretary; dues are promptly paid and the lodge is in good condition financially.

February 12th. Mount Sinai Lodge, of which W. Bro. A. L. Tinker is W. M., conferred the E. A. degree on two candidates on the occasion of my visit in a manner so satisfactory that there was little opportunity to suggest improvement. The W. M. is quite efficient and is supported by a staff of energetic young officers.

March 4th. Ulster Lodge, of which V. W. Bro. Horwood is W. M., is one of the vigorous young lodges of the district. Besides the occasion of the consecration ceremony described in another part of this report, I was three times bidden welcome to this hospitable lodge. The lodge was fortunate in having for its first W. M. so experienced and tactful a Mason as W. Bro. Frederick Dane, and it is equally fortunate in its choice of a ruler at its first election after being consecrated and constituted. On my official visit of inspection I saw a first degree exemplified in a manner that left little to be desired.

April 26th. Zeta Lodge for years past has easily led in this district and perhaps in this grand jurisdiction in the practice of a great virtue which we all profess to admire. Successive annual reports show that her expenditures for benevolence have been on a scale which proved her devotion to our principles by more than the word of mouth.

This year the lodge has expended in benevolence more than \$1,000. On the occasion of my official visit a degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Selby and his officers in such a manner as to interpret the work accurately.

May 17th. Tuscan Lodge, which I had instituted only two months before, exemplified a degree to my entire satisfaction when I visited it for the purpose of making an inspection. R. W. Bro. John Boyd is a zealous Mason whose wealth of experience in important positions in the craft preeminently fit him for the guidance of the destinies of a new lodge and, surrounded as he is by an able staff of officers, selected from the unusually large charter membership of the lodge, I have entire confidence as to the future of Tuscan Lodge and can unreservedly recommend that Grand Lodge grant it a warrant of constitution.

April 4th. Alpha Lodge, third in point of seniority and largest in membership of the group of lodges meeting in Freemasons' Hall, extended its hospitality to me on several occasions during my term of office and each of these visits strengthened my long standing impression that the true spirit of Masonry pervades this lodge. Harmony, a high standard of dignity and a desire to communicate happiness would appear to be characteristics of the membership. On the occasion of my official visit a degree was exemplified satisfactorily by W. Bro. Schoales and his officers, the latter performing their parts in a manner that augurs well for the continuance of good work in Alpha Lodge.

April 16th. The Shamrock Lodge, which has only had its warrant of constitution for two years, already has a membership of nearly two hundred and has attained a position among the lodges that is a tribute to the mental efficiency of R. W. Bro. Scully, its first W. M. His successor, W. Bro. Hamilton, with similar skill and fidelity, is continuing the work so well begun in a most satisfactory manner and with the support of an excellent staff of officers.

The West Toronto Masonic Temple, Annette Street, is the comfortable home of the three lodges founded in that part of the city. These lodges were officially visited on the following dates:— Temple, No. 525, February 28th, 1918; Stanley, No. 426, April 2nd, 1918; Victoria, No. 474, May 21st, 1918.

Temple was the first of the West Toronto lodges to be inspected, and the occasion of my visit was an emergent meeting and the attendance was smaller than is usual. The officers conferred the second degree on three candidates in a creditable manner. While absolute perfection was not reached the errors were in the less important details. Temple is one of the progressive young lodges of the city whose progress has been along proper lines from the time of its inception, and the present W. M., John Marr, Jr., is sparing no pains to maintain the high standard set by his predecessors. The lodge is in a sound condition financially and already holds a substantial block of stock in the West Toronto Masonic Temple, Limited. The outstanding dues only amount to \$7.

Stanley Lodge has an honourable history over a period of 27 years. On the occasion of my visit of inspection W. Bro. John F. McLennan and his officers exemplified a degree in a manner that prove that this year the best traditions of the lodge are well maintained. The records are well kept by Bro. Wm. Harris, the veteran Secretary.

Victoria Lodge, owing to my inability to be present on the evening appointed, was inspected by R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, who reports: "At your request I attended Victoria Lodge, No. 474, Toronto, at its last regular meeting, held on Tuesday, May 21st, 1918, as your representative. W. Bro. W. J. Armstrong, W. M., was in the east and was attended by the majority of the Past Masters of the lodge. All the officers were present and occupied their respective stations. The first degree was exemplified very satisfactorily, and from the manner in which the work was done by the officers who were called on to perform duties in the course of

the degree, I feel assured of the continued success of this lodge. The lodge has made material advancement this year in point of membership which always has been of good quality and standing. The books of the lodge are very well kept by the veteran Secretary, V. W. Bro. Cooper, and the finances are in good condition; dues are reasonably well collected in, a bank account of several hundred dollars, and invested funds of nearly \$3,300.00.

Parkdale Lodge, No. 510, was officially visited on the evening of March 8th, when two candidates were initiated. The work of the W. M., W. Bro. Arthur Fry, was almost faultless. Indeed, I found little reason for offering advice to any of the officers. Instituted in 1913, the lodge has a membership slightly over 100. Its growth has been less rapid than that of some of the young lodges, but it would appear to be enjoying prosperity and to be doing good work.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston, was visited on the evening of January 25th, when there was a good attendance of the members. The first degree was exemplified for inspection, the candidate being a young member of the Royal Flying Corps, who was apparently much impressed with the ceremony as it was performed by W. Bro. W. J. Marks and his officers. The lodge is doing satisfactory work and it is specially gratifying to find a number of Past Masters, including at least two whose years have already exceeded the allotted span, evincing a keen interest in the affairs of the craft and particularly in their own lodge.

Mississauga Lodge, No. 524, Port Credit. In a graceful speech of welcome, when I visited this lodge on 14th February, the W. M., W. Bro. William S. Gibson, intimated that while Mississauga was the smallest lodge in the district, he believed that no other could boast of a higher average attendance at its meetings or more devotion to tenets and principles of the craft. My inspection convinced me that it can be truthfully added that in no other lodge in this district or any other is the third degree exemplified more correctly or impres-

sively. The lodge is comfortably housed in a building whose exterior gives no hint of the comfortable and pleasing environment in which the visitor finds himself once the portals are passed. No essential to correct degree work is lacking and, best of all, the officers know their several parts.

Connaught Lodge, No. 501, Mimico, was visited on the evening of April 11th, when W. Bro. E. J. Hutchins and his officers exemplified a degree quite satisfactorily. This lodge now has a splendid home in the new building which I had been privileged to dedicate a few months before the date of my inspectoral visit and it was gratifying to find the officers making such good use of the opportunities which their environment affords to do impressive work.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville, was visited on the evening of May 21st, when in the presence of a large number of members of his lodge and visiting brethren, W. Bro. J. K. Morley, with the assistance of his officers, exemplified the second degree. This is an interesting lodge which is performing its duties with fidelity and zeal, the W. M. being supported by a devoted band of Past Masters one of whom, W. Bro. Hubbell, fills the office of Secretary with efficiency.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills, being my mother lodge, I invited R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, P.D.D.G.M., to make the inspection. His report is as follows:

With a good deal of pleasure I accepted your request to visit your mother lodge, Mimico, No. 369, on the evening of Tuesday, April 23rd, 1918, to officially inspect the same in your behalf. At this meeting there was a splendid turnout of brethren of Mimico Lodge. Accompanying you and your District Secretary, W. Bro. J. G. Mussen, we were received in most courteous manner by W. Bro. Mc Guire, the Worshipful Master of Mimico Lodge and in keeping with the dignity and importance of the office of D.D.G.M. you have the honour to occupy. The work of the evening, the conferring of the first

degree was very impressively performed, and W. Bro. McGuire personally is to be commended on the easy, dignified, yet forceful manner in which he and his officers strove to convey the lessons of this degree to the initiate. The forms and ceremonies of the degree were carefully regarded and there was left a splendid impression on the mind of the candidate. The lodge appears prosperous, the brethren anxiously enthusiastic as to the character and value of the work done by the lodge. The Master not only had the support of a goodly number of his own members, but at least ten Past Masters of the lodge to lend him their kindly sympathy and support. Financially, the lodge is in good condition, having several hundred dollars to its credit in its bank account; the lodge premises are owned by the lodge free of encumbrance, and there is no outstanding indebtedness against the lodge. The dues appear to be well collected and the books are neatly and comprehensively kept.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, has had the good fortune to have for its W. M. during the past couple of years W. Bro. David Norton, a most capable and skilled Mason, who attained the rank of Past Master many years ago. The lodge has not grown of late, the membership having been practically stationary for some time, but it owns a comfortable meeting place, clear of encumbrance, where the brethren foregather from time to time to keep the fire glowing on the altar, as firmly cemented together as are the brethren of the most pretentious city lodge. On the occasion of my official visit on the evening of March 22nd, a third degree was conferred as correctly as one could desire.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton, which I visited on May 31st, is another country lodge of small membership which owns its own home, a very comfortable one, where the cardinal virtues are efficiently taught and the work is well exemplified. W. Bro. Dr. Bateman and his officers conferred a third degree on the occasion of my visit with sufficient skill to justify my conclusion that the lodge is doing creditable work. There was a most encouraging attendance of Past Masters.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton, was officially visited on the evening of June 18th, when there was a good attendance of members of the lodge. W. Bro. S. Wilson and his officers exemplified a first degree in a manner which indicated that this excellent lodge has mental efficiency in its positions of authority which augurs well for its continued success and usefulness.

Peel Lodge, No. 465, Caledon East, was visited on June 21st. Somewhat isolated and lacking the opportunities enjoyed by city brethren of frequently visiting other lodges, the officers of Peel could hardly be expected to attain perfection in the exemplification of a degree, but the first, which was put on for my inspection by W. Bro. Davidson and his officers, was surprisingly near perfection. The records of the lodge are well kept and the dues are punctually paid to Bro. Phillips, a most efficient Secretary.

May I conclude with an expression of appreciation of the many kindnesses I have received at the hands of R. W. Bro. Ormiston and R. W. Bro. Murphy, D.D.G.Ms. of the other Toronto districts, as well as the many other distinguished Masons who have assisted me in many ways.

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. RICE, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto West District No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Toronto West District No. 11, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem-ber-ship			Degr's Conf'd			Affiliations			Resignations	Suspensions, other causes	Dceased	Meet's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 mths in arrears	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular	Emergent	Total								
98	True Blue	Bolton	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	10	10	11	87	16	87	27	1917	Good	Yes	1000 00
229	Ionic	Brampton	147	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	10	10	11	59	7	59	27	1917	Good	Yes	400 00
305	Humber	Weston	123	6	2	8	6	7	7	7	7	12	12	10	10	2	12	15	15	15	28	1917	Good	Yes	400 00
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	64	6	2	5	3	2	2	2	2	5	5	7	8	8	10	15	15	200	31	1917	Fair	Yes	700 00
346	Occident	Toronto	454	30	53	19	52	52	1	1	1	5	12	7	10	15	25	210	29	203	27	1917	Good	Yes	Yes
356	River Park	Streetsville	89	2	4	5	5	5	1	1	1	3	3	1	12	12	13	30	3	27	31	1917	Fair	Yes	200 00
367	St. George	Toronto	409	14	23	22	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	11	21	180	30	63	27	1917	Good	Yes	300 00
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	145	7	12	12	13	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	13	8	21	20	30	115	27	1917	Good	Yes	1500 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	518	13	30	31	27	5	2	5	9	5	9	10	10	13	23	87	40	1137	27	1917	Excel't	Yes	250 00
410	Zeta	Toronto	366	10	15	17	18	1	3	3	2	1	3	2	9	11	20	107	8	50	31	1917	Good	Yes	1000 00
426	Stanley	Toronto	364	21	30	24	31	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	10	18	28	165	17	160	27	1917	Good	Yes	1200 00
468	Peel	Caledon East	78	1	5	3	3	3	1	3	1	3	3	1	10	12	22	35	16	18	7	1918	Good	Yes	1000 00
474	Victoria	Toronto	276	19	23	17	16	3	1	3	1	3	3	1	13	13	15	65	2	75	27	1917	Good	Yes	1000 00
496	University	Toronto	207	23	27	23	18	15	8	3	1	3	3	3	10	10	20	32	00	00	27	1917	Good	Yes	1000 00
501	Connaught	Mimico	127	19	19	17	16	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	10	11	21	29	59	00	27	1917	Good	Yes	1000 00
510	Parkdale	Toronto	121	18	21	16	14	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	10	20	27	2	18	27	1917	Good	Yes	1000 00
522	Mount Sinai	Toronto	120	29	27	28	46	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	11	21	40	55	00	27	1917	Good	Yes	1000 00
524	Mississauga	Port Credit	61	19	15	6	8	5	3	3	3	3	3	1	10	16	20	35	20	9	27	1917	V. good	Yes	4000 00
525	Temple	Toronto	123	35	31	25	28	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	17	27	21	61	20	27	1917	Excel't	Yes	500 00
531	High Park	Toronto	267	27	32	25	21	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	13	23	125	100	12	1918	Excel't	Yes	500 00
533	Shanrock	Toronto	199	28	28	31	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	10	15	25	87	65	27	1917	Good	Yes	500 00
537	Ulster	Toronto	156	80	68	77	72	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	19	29	54	28	27	1917	Good	Yes	500 00
511	Tuscan	Toronto	31	91	31	10	61	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	6	10	31	15	00	27	1917	Good	Yes	500 00

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 11a

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. of this district for the Masonic year now closing, and in so doing I first wish to thank the brethren for the honour they have done me in electing me to this position and also for the constant and unvarying kindness and courtesy that has been extended to me by every officer and brother with whom I have come in contact during the year, and which has made my official term one of unalloyed pleasure and a year that will ever be looked back to with the most delightful memories.

My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary W. Bro. V. M. Hare, whose diligence and untiring efforts have done much to aid in carrying out the duties of the office and whose prompt attention to all matters requiring his attention must, I am sure, have been acceptable to the officers of the different lodges.

Soon after the Fall work began, the Toronto D.D.G.Ms. met and arranged for a joint Lodge of Instruction for the three Toronto districts and, at the invitation of University Lodge, No. 496, it was held on November 9th, 1917, at Masonic Hall, College Street, Toronto. A large number of officers and members were present in order to secure, as far as possible, absolute uniformity even in the smallest matters, a Board composed of the present D.D.G.Ms., R. W. Bros. Rice, Murphy and myself, three I.P.D.D.G.Ms., R. W. Bros. Tugwell, Rowland and Lawrence, together with R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, was appointed to deal with and answer questions that might be asked and required consideration and in my opinion the plan worked exceedingly well. The first degree was exemplified by University Lodge, No. 496, the second, by River-

dale Lodge, No. 494, and the third by York Lodge, No. 156, and a most pleasant and profitable day resulted.

After the joint lodge of instruction had been arranged for I ascertained that many country lodges were not likely to be present, and Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220 Uxbridge, having invited me to hold a Lodge of Instruction in their lodge room, I arranged for another Lodge of Instruction to be held mainly for country lodges on the 10th day of November, at Uxbridge, where the first degree was exemplified by Zeredatha Lodge No. 220, the second degree by Brock Lodge, No. 354, and the third degree by Georgina Lodge, No. 343. The same plan for a Board to answer questions was adopted, and R. W. Bro. Tugwell, R. W. Bro. Shaver and myself constituted the Board, assisted by R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould and R. W. Bro. H. G. Hutcheson. Much keen interest was taken by the brethren, and I think much good resulted.

At one or other of these lodges of instruction every lodge was represented.

I had the honour and pleasure of accompanying our M. W. the Grand Master on a number of occasions in which he visited lodges in this and sister districts, and no one could be present without thoroughly appreciating the high character and practical value of his addresses, which were thoroughly enjoyable and afforded material for practical work.

The outstanding feature in Masonic circles this year was the opening of the new Masonic Temple on Yonge Street, Toronto. which was open for occupation on 1st January of this year, and lodges which have been hitherto meeting in the old temple moved into the new and had the satisfaction of knowing that for the first time they were really in their own home.

This was followed up by a drive in May when bonds were issued and taken up by the brethren so that there is no outstanding mortgage or indebtedness connected with the building.

The death of M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, for many years a tower of strength to the Order, and who was distinguished for his personal character, charitable work, knowledge of our craft, and his true exposition of the essential virtues of Masonry was a great blow to the district. A memorial service was held in the new Temple on Sunday, June 23rd, under the joint auspices of St. Andrews, King Solomon and Zetland Lodges.

It has been the greatest source of pleasure to me that the harmony and true Masonic spirit has been such that while there are some 4,700 Masons in the lodges of this jurisdiction not one single case has arisen in which any point of dispute or complaint has come to me as D.D.G.M.

There were two special meetings in addition to the official visits that particularly impressed me—the one at Georgina Lodge on April 6th, 1918, when the officers positions were filled by the W. Ms. of the city lodges in the district and every lodge was represented by its presiding officer. As I understand this has become an annual event in Georgina, I would suggest that some portion of the evening be devoted to discussion of matters of common interest in the district, in fact, a sort of local district meeting.

The other meeting was the communication of Riverdale Lodge, held on March 22nd, 1918, when R. W. Bro. Harcourt occupied the chair and the officers consisted of the Senior Wardens of the city lodges in the district. This was something new and a very good idea, enabling these officers to become personally acquainted with each other before reaching the chairs.

There is one matter that does not come out on the official visits and yet calls for attention, it is this: I do not think the lodges as a whole give much consideration to the instruction of brethren of the third degree, either as to obligation or questions and as a result in Boards of Trial, many applicants are very hazy as to their knowledge in this degree, and I have seen many brethren who could

not be reported M. Ms. (though the Board were satisfied that they were) on account of ignorance.

Official Visits.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16. My official visit to this lodge was made on April 9th. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Dunlop and his officers in a manner worthy of the position of St. Andrews, and it is needless to say in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge. The books of the lodge, as kept by Bro. J. D. Keachie, are a complete history of the lodge and the financial standing of the lodge is most excellent.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25. The fates seemed to be against me in my efforts to visit this lodge, among whose members I have more personal friends than any other. As they were the first lodge to meet in the new Temple, I started for Toronto to visit them that evening but the fearful train service delayed my arrival until 11 p.m., too late to attend. Then, on the date fixed for my official visit, I was confined to bed, but R. W. Bro. Legge kindly consented to take my place on the 5th March. He reports that the first degree was exemplified in a satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Cameron and his officers, assisted by W. Bro. C. B. Murray and W. Bro. Bell, the father of the candidate, and in all respects the lodge is in a splendid condition.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75. My first official visit in Toronto was made to this lodge on October 1st, 1917. The work done by W. Bro. Boddy and his officers was of a high quality, shewing careful preparation and intelligent appreciation of what was required to make an impression on the candidate. I am happy to say that the impression I had that good progress would be made during the year is now borne out by the fact that over 100 degrees have been conferred.

I feel that the character of the work on that evening had a good effect on their year's work.

Markham Union, No. 87. I had the pleasure of twice visiting this lodge in my official capacity.

On the first occasion, October 26th, owing to circumstances over which the lodge had no control, no candidate was present. On April 10th I took advantage of an emergent meeting to visit this lodge again when all three degrees were worked in a manner doing credit to the officers of the lodge. The presence of eight or nine P. Ms. shows the interest they take in the workings of the lodge and the way the degrees were put on proves the result of their care and attention.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136. I visited this lodge on May 31st and there was a good attendance of members and visitors, and it was also the occasion of election of officers. The exemplification of the first degree by W. Bro. Thompson and his officers showed good preparation and intelligent appreciation of the work. The records of the lodge show good progress to have been made, which I fully expect will be continued under the new officers.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218. I officially visited this lodge on March 11th. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Wright and his officers in a manner that calls for little comment or remarks, and was well calculated to impress the candidate with a due sense of the importance of Masonry.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220. As this is my mother lodge, and if the D.D.G.M. is doing his duty to his own lodge, the work of the officers ought to have been part of his particular care before he had the honour conferred upon him, and any report, good or bad, would be on his own work. My first official visit was made to this lodge and I have been fairly regular in my attendance during the year and have seen all the degrees conferred many times by W. Bro. Turner and his officers and believe that the work is being efficiently done in accord with the constitution of the Grand Lodge. Zeredatha is making first class progress, as thirteen initiated candidates show, with prospects and present condition excellent. I have to thank this lodge for their kindness and courtesy in inviting me to hold a Lodge of Instruction under their auspices and also in exemplifying the first degree at the same.

Brougham Union, No. 269. This lodge was visited officially on the 22nd May. There was a good attendance of members present. The lodge has had an unfortunate experience from the fact that the W. M. was moved from Claremont not long after his installation. The second degree was exemplified by the officers of the lodge, W. Bro. T. Gregg occupying the chair and doing his work well. The difficulty of getting the officers together for practice or grind in purely country lodges is great and often prevents smooth work.

Doric Lodge No. 316. My official visit to this lodge was on April 18th. The first degree with full musical ritual was exemplified in accordance with constitutional requirements and in an accurate and impressive manner. W. Bro. Goodall and his officers have their work well in hand and will no doubt maintain the first class record of Doric Lodge.

Orient Lodge, No. 339. I had the pleasure of making my official visit to this lodge on May 7th. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Burrows and his officers in a very creditable manner. The present prospects of this lodge are very good. It is the oldest lodge in the east end, has a long and faithful record behind it in the work done in the past, and I know that the present and future officers will do their utmost to sustain the reputation of the lodge.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343. Illness prevented me making my official visit and it is unfortunate that I could not get in touch with an available brother to act for me in officially visiting this lodge, but R. W. Bro. Tugwell kindly consented to appear and make my apologies. However, I was present on several occasions at communications of this lodge and saw W. Bro. Hamilton and his officers exemplify degrees in a manner worthy of the reputation of Georgina Lodge and in full accord with the requirements of Grand Lodge. Its financial condition is excellent and prospects good. My thanks are extended to W. Bro. Hamilton and his officers for their kindness in conferring the M. M. degree at Lodge of Instruction in Uxbridge.

Brock Lodge, No. 354. My official visit to this lodge at Cannington was made on February 20th. The work of the second degree was exemplified in an extremely satisfactory manner by the W. M. Dr. Ed. Blanchard, who is a thoroughly capable officer and well supported by his officers. I must also thank the W. M. and officers of this lodge for their kindness in exemplifying the second degree at the Lodge of Instruction held at Uxbridge.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering. My official visit took place on the 25th day of April. The M. M. degree was exemplified by the W. M. and officers of the lodge, every one of whom was in his place. The work was well done, showing intelligent understanding of what was required by the Master and I must particularly refer to the manner in which the candidate was prepared. I would add to the suggestion made by W. Bro. Tugwell last year, that if some of the lodges in the city could fraternally visit this lodge, which is about twenty miles along the Kingston road, much Masonic interest would result.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430. My official visit to this lodge was on 18th February. W. Bro. Collins and his officers conferred the first degree in an impressive and accurate manner and showed themselves well skilled in our noble art. There was a good attendance, both of the lodge and visiting brethren. Acacia Lodge as it were, is a two-fold jurisdiction, concurrent in Toronto and extending in the country half way to Markham and Pickering. The P. Ms. take a keen active interest in the lodge which is sure proof of good work being done.

King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland. I looked forward with great pleasure to my official visit to this lodge and was not disappointed on November 27th. The work was exemplified in an extremely satisfactory manner in the E. A. degree, and the district may be congratulated in having this lodge added to its numbers.

I know from intimate acquaintance of the work done by the P. Ms. of this lodge, their zeal

for Masonry in general, and their pride in the work of the lodge, and any mention of individual names would be invidious. All are in earnest.

The Beaches Lodge, No. 473. It was with much pleasure I visited this lodge in its own Masonic home on March St. W. Bro. Wharin and his officers exemplified the E. A. degree in a good and effective manner and showed thorough acquaintance with the work and great skill in making it impressive to the candidate. The officers aim at making every meeting full of instruction, beginning at the notice of meeting, which is a model of information about lodge matters, and every month conveys a true Masonic lesson to the recipient thereof. The lodge is in excellent condition in every way.

Riverdale Lodge, No. 494, Toronto. I feel indebted to W. Bro. Coleman and his officers for one of the most pleasant and profitable evenings I ever spent in Masonry on April 26th. From having seen their work on several occasions I was expecting to see good work, and the manner in which the M. M. degree was exemplified amply justified all expectations, for the W. Master and his officers ably assisted by the choir, gave the degree to the candidate in a most admirable manner and he could not fail to be impressed with the solemnity of the ceremony and the earnestness of those taking part in it. Riverdale Lodge is doing most excellent work. I have also to extend my thanks to W. Bro. Hunt and the officers of this lodge for their kindness in exemplifying the second degree at the Lodge of Instruction in Toronto.

Coronati Lodge, No. 520. I visited this lodge officially on the 14th May and had the pleasure of seeing the E. A. degree well exemplified by W. Bro. Henry and the officers of the lodge. The P. Ms. of this lodge are especially active and interested in the welfare of the lodge and the work done therein. Coronati has done good work since its institution and I have no doubt will continue to do so.

Canada Lodge, No. 532. Although I had to call upon R. W. Bro. Rice to take my place in officially visiting this lodge on March 1st, I have been in close touch with W. Bro. Gibbons and his officers, having been present at the installation and having had them with me on many visits. R. W. Bro. Rice reports that the E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Gibbons and his officers without any serious error. That there was impressiveness in the manner of the officers and thoroughly impressive to the candidate and which was the best proof of effectiveness as well as an indication that the officers were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the work. The J. W.'s. chair for the evening was occupied by the Secretary, Bro. Busteed, who did his work very satisfactorily. He also reports the lodge in good state financially, with investments well made.

Institution.

By command of the M. W. the Grand Master, I had the honour of instituting Imperial Lodge U.D., Toronto, on Wednesday, June 26th.

Nearly 200 hundred brethren were present, representing some twenty different lodges. The lodge starts off with 38 charter members under the guiding rule of R. W. Bro. A. B. Crosby. After the lodge was instituted 48 petitions were received.

In conclusion, I again wish to express my gratitude to the brethren for their kindness and consideration to me during my year of office, trusting that they will overlook my shortcomings and imperfections and remembering only what they have seen to be good and helpful. I have endeavoured to discharge the duties of the office fairly and impartially to the best interests of Masonry, and trust I have succeeded; and bespeak for my successor the same loyal support, friendship and brotherly love that has been bestowed upon me by the district.

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. ORMISTON, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto East District No. 11a.

TORONTO CENTRE DISTRICT No. 11b.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is a pleasure and an honour to herewith present the following report on the condition of Masonry and the work of the Toronto Centre District No. 11b, as I have observed it.

Before entering on my detailed account, I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the brethren of the district in electing me to this high and important office. While the work, in conjunction with my private avocation, has been somewhat strenuous at times, it has appealed to me greatly, calling forth my best endeavours, though, perhaps, in some respects comparatively weak, have, nevertheless, I trust, been appreciated by the brethren. In the course of my comments on the work I have endeavoured to avoid harsh criticisms and to draw the attentions of the officers to points where they might be improved in order to create a greater uniformity of work.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro John Cook, of York Lodge, my District Secretary, and I am deeply indebted to him for his services, for which I express my sincere appreciation.

Laying of the Corner Stone.

On Saturday afternoon, November 5th, 1917, I attended the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the New Masonic Temple and home of the Masonic lodges of the central part of Toronto.

This beautiful ceremony was ably and efficiently conducted by M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, G. M., of the G. L. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, assisted by a very large number of present and past G. L. officers.

This commodious building is situated at No. 888 Yonge Street, cor. Davenport Road, and is calculated to fill a long-felt want among the brethren of having their Masonic home owned and controlled by the various craft lodges of the city.

Lodge of Instruction.

As there was no lodge of instruction held in the Toronto Districts last year, it was thought advisable to hold one this year. Accordingly, a meeting of R. W. Bro. Rice, R. W. Bro. Ormiston and myself was held September 4th to make arrangements for it, when it was resolved that the same be held under the auspices of the University Lodge, No. 496, in the Masonic Hall, College Street, on November 8th, 1917. The first degree to be exemplified by W. Bro. Dr. McCollum and his officers of University Lodge, No. 496, Toronto West District No. 11.

The second degree by W. Bro. S. Hunt and his officers of Riverdale Lodge, No. 494, Toronto East District No. 11a, and the third degree by W. Bro. A. McKennedy and his officers of York Lodge, No. 156, Toronto Centre District, No. 11b. Detailed accounts of the exemplification of the first and second degrees will be found in the report of R. W. Bro. Rice, D.D.G.M. of Toronto West District, and R. W. Bro. Ormiston of Toronto East District, respectively.

After partaking of refreshments, which were served on completion of the work of the second degree, the lodge was opened in the third degree at 8.30 o'clock, when the M. M. degree was exemplified, after which an opportunity was given to ask any questions on the work, which evidently was of such a high standard that only a very few questions were asked, which were duly considered by the Board which had acted for the previous degrees, and their rulings given accordingly. There was a good attendance of the brethren of the various lodges of the city. The rural lodges were not so well represented. Deep interest was taken in the work of each degree which was well rendered, and

I am sure my colleagues of Toronto East and West Districts join with me in expressing our thanks to the officers who exemplified the work and also to R. W. Bros. Lawrence, Tugwell and Rowland for their assistance on the ruling board.

Official Visits.

Thursday, October 25th, 1917, I paid the first official visit of my term as D.D.G.M. of Toronto Centre District, No. 11b, to Patterson Lodge No. 265, which meets in the village of Thornhill. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Robinson and his officers. The work was very creditably done. The lodge is in good financial standing and is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which their books are kept.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23. I visited this lodge on Wednesday, November 14th. There was a good attendance. W. Bro. Allan and his officers exemplified the first degree in an excellent manner. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Nichols, has the books in first-class shape and the lodge is in good standing.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129. I paid my official visit to this thriving lodge, which meets in the village of Aurora, on Wednesday, December 5th, 1917, at an emergent meeting. The work of the first degree was efficiently and impressively exemplified by W. Bro. Hill and his officers, ably assisted by a large number of his Past Masters. The books are well kept and the lodge is ably maintaining the principles of the craft, and I am sure must be recognized as a power for good in the community.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247. I paid my official visit to the brethren of Ashlar Lodge on Tuesday evening, January 22nd. The work was a first degree and was conferred with that same accuracy and impressiveness which Ashlar Lodge has so ably maintained for many years. This lodge, in establishing the rule of receiving the D.D.G.M. so early in their year of office, is to be commended. It shows that the officers are fully prepared for their annual advancement in office and always prepared

to exemplify the work. The attendance at this meeting was not as large as I had anticipated. I again visited this lodge on the 26th of February, on the occasion of their Past Masters' night, and the celebration of their first regular meeting in the new Masonic temple, and also again on the 28th of May, when the W. Masters of the rural lodges of the district occupied the chairs and exemplified the first degree.

Malone Lodge, No. 512, Sutton West. My official visit to this lodge was made on the evening of January 23rd. This lodge has been labouring under severe difficulties for two years, owing to their three principal officers enlisting for overseas duty, and W. Bro. Oliver, the Master of 1915, at a great sacrifice and inconvenience, again assumed the duties in 1916, when the lodge was most fortunate in having Bro. Fortune affiliate with them. He was duly elected to the office of W. Master, which office he has also filled with credit and ability in Sharon Lodge during the present year. The work on this occasion was a first degree, and notwithstanding the difficulties I have mentioned was well done by the officers of the evening, and I am sure the lodge is truly grateful to W. Bro. Fortune for the valuable assistance he has given them during the year. At the time of writing, this lodge has elected its staff of officers for the coming year and, I believe, will again have all their chairs filled by their regular officers and thus facilitate the work of the lodge.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket. On Wednesday, February 13th, I paid my official visit to Tuscan Lodge. The W. Master and his officers exemplified a third degree in a very satisfactory manner. The work, though not letter perfect, on the whole, was very well given. This old lodge, under the guidance of W. Bro. Whyle, is having a much more successful year than for some years previous, and the future for Tuscan Lodge, I believe, will be one of greater interest and prosperity.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto. My official visit to this lodge was made on Tuesday, February 19th. This being the occasion of the first official

visit paid by a D.D.G.M. to any of the lodges meeting in the new temple. The work of the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Price and his officers in a very creditable manner, considering that this was only the second night in their respective chairs. In the course of my remarks on the work, I drew the attention of the officers to a few minor points in which I thought the work might be improved and made more uniform.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 481, Toronto. My official visit to this progressive young lodge was made on February 25th. The work put on for my inspection was a first degree. I was delighted to see the accurate and impressive manner in which it was exemplified by W. Bro. Ansell and his officers. The lodge is in good standing, the books are well kept, and the staff of officers are all young, enthusiastic and efficient, and I predict for Corinthian Lodge a bright and prosperous future. I previously visited this lodge on the night of their installation, when R. W. Bro. Harcourt presided as installing master, and subsequently on May 27th, when chairs were occupied by ministers of several of the churches of the city.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22. This is the oldest lodge in the Toronto Centre District, and the second oldest in the City of Toronto. My official visit was made on the 14th of March. The work of the first degree was efficiently and impressively conferred on the candidate and the impressions of Masonry he received on this occasion, I am sure, he will ever remember. There was a good attendance. King Solomon's Lodge is to be congratulated on having a very enthusiastic and efficient Secretary in the person of Bro. Don McKay, whose books are a model of neatness and completeness.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 514. My official visit to this young and progressive lodge was made on Monday evening, March 18th, and was the occasion of my second visit to this lodge since assuming the duties of D.D.G.M. My former visit was on October 15th to assist in doing honour to the Most Wor. the Grand Master on the occasion of his visit

to this lodge, when a most edifying and enjoyable evening was spent. The work of the E. A. degree was exemplified for my inspection by W. Bro. Mc Henry and his staff of officers and was capably and impressively given and was well up to the standard set by older lodges. This lodge is in good standing and is to be congratulated on an efficient Secretary, who has his work well in hand.

Harmony Lodge No. 438. My official visit to this lodge was made on the 25th of March. The attendance of members and visiting brethren which greeted me on this occasion was most gratifying and inspiring. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Gorrie and his officers, assisted by some of the Past Masters. The work was most impressively given, which leaves no doubt that the candidates first impression of Masonry will be lasting. Harmony Lodge and its officers are to be congratulated on having the support of such a large number of energetic Past Masters. It was my good pleasure to visit this lodge on the 24th of September last, to assist the brethren in doing honour to the Most Wor. the Grand Master on his visit to their lodge, when a large number of present and Past Grand Lodge officers were present to welcome the distinguished guest.

Union Lodge No. 118. I paid my official visit to this lodge, which meets in the village of Schomberg, on Monday, April 15th. The work of the E. A. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Kay and his officers, the work of the principal officers being well given. The work of the Junior officers, through want of confidence, and perhaps nervousness, due, I have no doubt, to the large number of visitors, was not so well taken, which in the course of my remarks I drew attention to and advised them to overcome this, and suggested the advisability of visiting other lodges whenever opportunity presented itself. This lodge is not numerically strong, but has a number of staunch Past Masters, who are a great strength to it, and with their support will, I feel sure, continue to improve.

York Lodge, No. 156, Toronto. This being my mother lodge, I invited R. W. Bro. A. B. Rice to accompany me on the occasion of my official visit on the 19th April. He has written to me as follows: The splendid attendance of Past Masters and the air of kindness that pervaded the whole assemblage eloquently testified to the spirit of fraternity in York Lodge. The exemplification of the first degree left little to be desired. W. Bro. Urmy and his officers not only amply demonstrated their knowledge of the language of the work but they delivered it with an impressiveness that must have printed the great truths which the degree teaches indelibly on the mind of the candidate.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97. My official visit to this lodge, which meets in the village of Queensville, was made on the 23rd of April. The work of the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Fortune and his officers in a manner, which left very little opportunity on my part for criticism were I so disposed. W. Bro. Fortune has the work well in hand and is possessed of a very retentive memory, giving all the work in the east even to the Past Master's charge. This lodge is not numerically strong, but it has a number of enthusiastic Past Masters and members.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326. On Friday evening, April 26th, I paid my official visit to Zetland Lodge. This lodge has the largest membership of any of the lodges of Toronto, and I believe, ranks second in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and has the distinction and honour of being the mother lodge, or affiliated home of a number of our past Most Wor. brethren, as well as many other distinguished brethren. The work on this occasion was two first degrees. Both candidates were in the service of our King and country, Mr. McPherson having that day returned from Mexico where he had completed his course in the R. A. F. Mr. Barnes being the first candidate, the work was conferred by the regular officers, Most Wor. Bro. W. D. McPherson and some other Past G. L. officers assisting in the initiation of Mr.

McPherson. The work throughout ably maintained the high standard and reputation which Zetland Lodge has long enjoyed.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65. I made my official visit to this grand old lodge on the 2nd of May. There was a large attendance of members and visitors present, and needless to say my reception was most enthusiastic. The work of the first degree was exemplified for my inspection and was only a repetition of that high standard which I have witnessed in this lodge on so many previous occasions. I previously visited this lodge on November 1st, on the occasion of the visit of the Most Wor. the G. M., and again on the 3rd of January, at their annual installation.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King. My official visit to this old lodge was made on the 13th of May. The work was a first degree and W. Bro. McMurchy and his officers are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which the ceremony was given. This lodge, for a number of years, experienced great difficulties, but thanks to the loyalty of a few of the Past Masters, they have lived out those difficulties and it has been pleasing for me to notice on my visits from year to year the marked increase and improvement which has taken place in this lodge. The chairs are now filled with young enthusiastic officers, with plenty of new blood in line to fall into their places, and I believe the fondest hope of those loyal Past Masters is fully realized.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54. I paid my official visit to this lodge which meets in the village of Maple, on the 21st of May. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Rumble and his officers in a manner which deserves the highest commendation.

Instituting the Metropolitan Lodge.

In accordance with a dispensation granted by the M. W. the Grand Master this ceremony took place on the 22nd of May, in the York Masonic Hall, Toronto.

Since instituting this lodge I have learned that the brethren intend at this communication of Grand Lodge to ask for a warrant. Not being able to be present at their regular meeting on June 26th, owing to a previous engagement to assist in the ceremony of instituting Imperial Lodge, I asked W.* Bro. Cook to visit the lodge and he reports to me that he was both surprised and delighted to see the manner in which the officers did their work in the opening and closing of the lodge, the despatch with which the business was transacted, and the conferring of the first degrees, each officer giving his work almost perfect, special reference being made to the work of the J. D.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79. This lodge, which meets in the village of Bradford, was officially visited by me on Tuesday, June 18th, and was the last of my official visits. The work was a third degree, exemplified by W. Bro. Creighton, assisted by W. Bro. Ogilvie and the officers of the lodge. The candidate for the evening, having been unexpectedly called away, the degree was conferred on a young craftsman of Union Lodge, Schomberg, who was accompanied by a number of his brethren, and was given in such a manner as to ably maintain the good reputation which Simcoe Lodge has enjoyed for many years.

During my term of office I have had the pleasure of meeting with my co-workers of the East and West Districts, and assisting each other in the work of instituting and dedicating the new lodges of the district, and I wish to express my appreciation to R. W. Bro. Rice and R. W. Bro. Ormiston for the goodfellowship and true Masonic spirit which has at all times been manifest in them, and I shall long remember my associations with those distinguished brethren in connection with our official work.

Before concluding, permit me to express my deep regrets in the great loss the craft in general, and the Masons of Toronto in particular, have sustained in the death of our late lamented Most Wor. Bro. John Ross Robertson, whose loss we

deplore and whose memory we revere. Many high tributes of respect have been paid to his sterling qualities as a man and a Mason. It was my privilege to attend the Memorial Service in honour of his name, in the auditorium of the new Masonic Temple on Sunday, June 23rd, and assist in paying the last sad office of respect to departed merit, at which a large concourse of Masons were gathered. The speaker on the occasion was W. Bro. Rev. Thomas Eakin, assisted by several other reverend brethren of the craft.

In conclusion, permit me to again thank the brethren for the cordial and fraternal manner in which I have been received on the occasion of my many visits. To my successor I can assure the same loyal assistance that has been extended to me and to my brethren. I express the hope that this banner district will ever continue to prosper, as it has in the past.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. MURPHY, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto Centre District No. 11b.

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &
A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Permit me the honour and pleasure of submitting my report upon the condition of Masonry for Ontario District No. 12.

My first official visit was paid to Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry, on October 26th. The attendance of local members was not large on account of the inclement weather. The third degree was exemplified by officers of Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, and Cedar Lodge, Oshawa. The work of the degree was carried forward creditably by W. M. Bro. Tummonds and W. Bro. Beatty for Fidelity Lodge, and concluded by W. Bro. A. W. Luke, W. Bro. A. E. Henry, W. Bro. Jno. Gibson and Bro. G. Everett from Cedar Lodge.

The lodge premises and appointments are worthy of special mention, and we are glad to report that finances and prospects are both good.

On the evening of November 28th I paid my official visit to Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville. The work exemplified consisted of two third degrees, one of which was put on by the officers of Jerusalem Lodge and the other by officers of Lebanon. W. Bro. King and W. Bro. Hoar did the work for the former in a very creditable manner, while the latter was conducted by R. W. Bro. P. H. Punshon, W. Bro. Donald Hall, W. Bro. C. E. Hare and W. Bro. S. Babe. Masonry stands well to the front in Bowmanville and the condition of the lodge is most satisfactory.

On the evening of March 15th I paid a fraternal visit to Port Hope, where Ontario and Hope Lodges jointly met for the purpose of receiving our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C. The first degree was exemplified. The attendance

was a splendid tribute to the reputation of our G. M. and his address was given in masterly style.

On the evening of Thursday, March 21st, 1918, I paid my official visit to Orono Lodge, No. 325. The Worshipful Master, Rev. Bro. G. V. Clare, assisted by W. Bro. R. Z. Hall, exemplified the second degree. The work was well done; after which a very pleasant hour was spent with the brethren. The work is in good hands and the condition of the lodge is satisfactory.

On Tuesday evening, March 26th, I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg. There assembled in their imposing and capacious room about ninety of the brethren. The initiatory degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner. St. John's continues to stand as one of the banner lodges of the district.

The 9th of April will be long remembered in the annals of Masonry in District No. 12. The brethren of Lebanon and Cedar Lodges, Oshawa, united to receive the official visit of their D.D.G. M., and also to mark the first anniversary of the battle of Vimy ridge in a manner fitting to that great event. The lodges presented the initiatory degree in a very creditable manner.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle, was well attended upon my official visit there, Tuesday night April 23rd. The regular officers of the lodge exemplified the third degree in a manner very acceptable. The rooms are nicely located and well appointed. Finance and general business are well attended to by the able efforts of the Secretary, W. Bro. Dr. Butler.

Norwood, Havelock, Warkworth and Keen are four lodges which are peculiarly situated in District No. 12. They seem to be shoved away into a corner. The members rather feel that their lodges should radiate from Peterborough. I visited these lodges on May 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd, and I am pleased to report that the spirit of Masonry is not suffering from the isolation of the lodges, because our meetings were well attended,

the work was well done, and a splendid Masonic hospitality was seen on every hand.

My visit to J. B. Hall Lodge, Millbrook, was paid on June 3rd, when several brethren from adjacent lodges were present; and on June 7th my final official visit took place at Colborne, when some two hundred brethren were present from Port Hope, Oshawa, Brooklin, Cobourg, Warkworth, Brighton and Trenton. The work was well exemplified and a most profitable evening was spent.

Fraternally submitted,

T. E. KAISER, D.D.G.M.,

Ontario District No. 12.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &
A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit my report on the
condition of Masonry in Prince Edward District
No. 13 for the year ending June 24th, 1918.

In doing so I desire to express my appreciation
of the honour conferred on me by electing me to the
position of District Deputy Grand Master of this
district, and also for the many acts of kindness and
the courtesy that was everywhere shown me from
all when making my official visits. I also wish to
thank the brethren of the lodges, and especially the
brethren of Madoc lodge, for accompanying me
on so many of my official visits. As I believe that
example, when accompanied by close observation,
is one of the best teachers, I have advised and
encouraged the brethren in this district to attend
the meetings of the other lodges in this district as
often as they can, believing it to be one of the best
ways of securing uniformity of work.

I appointed Worshipful Brother W. E. Connor,
of Madoc Lodge, No. 48, District Secretary, who
accompanied me on a number of my official visits,
and who did most of the work pertaining to that
office. I also appointed Rev. C. J. Young, of the
same lodge, District Chaplain.

As it was especially inconvenient to reach the
various lodges in this district by rail, owing to the
changes in the service, I arranged my official visits
so that the lodges could be reached by car, and this
to a great extent accounted for the large attend-
ance at my meetings; and this brought home to
everyone present the fact that our lodge rooms are
not modelled on the plans of our ancient Masters.
When half the brethren have to leave the room on
account of the heat it is clear that the best results
cannot be obtained, and I would recommend that
in future when any changes are being made in our

Masonic buildings due care should be given to ventilation. I think it would be advisable if Grand Lodge were to submit plans for the guidance of the brethren in this matter.

I have also suggested the advisability of establishing a circulating Masonic library in some central place in the district.

During the year I visited every lodge in the district and in every lodge I found the officers efficient and the work well done. Although each lodge has its distinctive characteristics, I found that there was one thing common to all—a desire to do their work as well, if not better, than the neighbouring lodges, and on account of the high degree of efficiency in the work done and the uniformity of doing it, I shall depart from the usual custom of making a special report on each lodge.

Although the initiation fees in most of the lodges have been raised, the applications for membership have increased, and the work has become so great that it has been found necessary to hold many emergents in order to enable the officers to keep up their work. A feature of these applicants is that a large proportion are young men and of the best material, the great war creating a desire for a closer degree of fellowship and a belief that Masonry furnishes it.

The condition of Masonry in this district has never been brighter than at present, and throughout the whole district the greatest harmony has prevailed throughout the year, the only points of friction being due to some misunderstanding about jurisdiction, which has been adjusted by the lodges interested.

Fraternally submitted,

A. H. WATSON, D.D.G.M.,

Prince Edward District No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Prince Edward District No. 13, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.		Increase during year		Decrease during year		Men- bership		Deer's Confid		Affiliations		Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held			Aver. attend'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'ts	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance	
			Total	of all Mem.	of all Mem.	of all Mem.	of all Mem.	of all Mem.	of all Mem.	of all Mem.	of all Mem.	of all Mem.	of all Mem.	of all Mem.					of all Mem.	of all Mem.	of all Mem.										of all Mem.
11	Moir	Hellville	326	22	30	23	23	1	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18	Prince Edward	Pictou	230	1	4	4	5		3	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
29	United	Brighton	147	8	10	11	7		1																						
38	Trent	Trenton	192	8	15	15	16		1	5																					
48	Mudoc	Mudoc	130	10	11	11	15		2	1																					
50	Consecon	Consecon	71	2	3	1	1		1																						
69	Stirling	Stirling	121	3	7	8	9		1	3																					
123	Hellville	Hellville	265	7	11	16	10		2	6	4																				
126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	135	8	8	12	8		1	2																					
127	Frank	Frankford	139	8	10	6	10		1	2																					
161	Star in the East	Wellington	133	7	7	6	6		1	1																					
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	77	14	12	9	6		1	1																					
222	Marmora	Marmora	100	10	11	8	5																								
239	Tweed	Tweed	136	8	11	9	9		3	3																					
283	Bureka	Belleville	165	5	12	8	7		3	3																					
401	Craig	Deseronto	107	4	5	9	11		1	1																					
482	Bancroft	Bancroft	131	10	10	8	6		1	1																					

FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The honour conferred upon me as your representative for the 14th Masonic District has been appreciated much more than words can describe. Having had the unanimous call from the district, among whose lodges are now two of the oldest in Canada, both having passed the century mark by several years, my support was assured, and I sincerely trust that the year has been one of genuine helpfulness to all concerned.

In my introductory letter, owing to the call for conservation of food, I requested that only light refreshments would be prepared for my visitations, to which, I am pleased to say, they have generally and most heartily acceded.

Most of the lodges in the district are in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding the fact of the raising of the fees, and with the exception of two or three are forging ahead rapidly. Some of the outlying lodges were a veritable surprise as to the work done and the splendid exemplification of the same.

No Lodge of Instruction was held for several reasons. The expense necessarily incurred in reaching any desired centre, the almost perfect work of the officers, the desire of the brethren to contribute in various ways to those overseas and the consequent feeling of seriousness pervading the lodges from losses sustained by various members in the now greatest battles of all history.

The Secretaries of lodges, in the majority, are efficient, but not in all cases. Antiquated methods of keeping records are still in existence and there is no improvement in some cases for the last 25 years. Regarding this phase of the lodge work, I would recommend that new modern registers should be

authorized by Grand Lodge and distributed in the same manner as the ballot boxes some years ago. Correct returns, as required by the Grand Secretary, are almost impossible unless some system is inaugurated by each lodge. Where registers (the present ones now in vogue) are in use, well kept books are invariably found.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro. On Tuesday, July 31st, 1917, I made my first visit in the district to this lodge, it being the semi-centennial of its inauguration and the occasion for the presentation of a token of appreciation to R. W. Bro. Preston, as its first Worshipful Master, who, I am pleased to say, is still hale and hearty. The day and evening having been excessively hot, no work was exemplified.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 497, Arden. On Tuesday, September 25th, 1917, I visited this lodge which is the farthest north in the district. I was agreeably disappointed when I found it flourishing with an abundance of good material for work. W. Bro. G. M. Kirk initiated a candidate and deserved excellent praise. The Wardens and floor men were anxious to surpass those of other lodges in the front of the district. St. Andrews', No. 497, has gone "over the top."

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville. On Thursday, October 25th, 1917, I visited this lodge. W. Bro. Chas. W. Amey gave the second degree to a candidate in a satisfactory manner.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa. November 5th, 1917, Regular meeting. W. Bro. E. S. Parrott put on the first degree acceptably. This lodge is in a splendid condition, enthusiasm and harmony appearing everywhere.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh. November 21st, 1917. Regular meeting. W. Bro. Delbert Sexsmith, assisted by R. W. Bro. R. W. Longmore, conferred the third degree upon a good candidate.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee. Friday, December 28th. Visited my mother lodge and assisted R. W. Bro. F. S. Wartman at installation of officers. No comment is necessary as to the work of this lodge. They have 24 Past Masters in good standing.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque. Tuesday, February 19th, 1918, Accompanied by Rev. J. H. H. Coleman, P.M., I visited the above lodge and while there we were the guests of W. Bro. Walter Cox. W. Bro. Cox conferred the first degree in a manner such as you would expect from one in his high calling. This is a strong lodge and is unique in its modern surroundings and appurtenances.

The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston. March 7th, 1918, W. S. Herrington, P.D.D. G.M., accompanied me to this grand old lodge on my official visit. The work of the first degree was well exemplified by W. Bro. Martin and his assistants. This is the oldest lodge in the district and has an enviable history.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston. April 2nd, 1918. I visited this lodge W. Bro. R. H. Ward exemplified the first degree in a splendid manner. Floor work was exceptionally good.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth, was visited on April 26th. W. Bro. A. M. Little has been unsurpassed in third degree work. His phrasing, as assisted by natural oratorical powers, make him particularly interesting.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston. Visited on May 10th, 1918. W. Bro. W. M. King gave the first degree to a candidate. This is the largest lodge in the district and the reception given the representative of Grand Lodge could only be compared to a lodge of instruction as to point of numbers.

The new Masonic musical service was rendered by a chorus of seventeen voices, which could not be excelled in Canada today. The parts were well balanced and the chorus consisted of several soloists

from the churches of the city. Kingston is certainly a city of Masons. Enthusiasm exists in all the lodges. Floor work, the kind you look for in a military city and an "esprit de corps" causes the several lodges to vie with one another in doing honour to their guests.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith, visited on May 24th, 1918. W. Bro. Norman Boyce exemplified his ability in conferring the third degree in good form. Large attendance.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport. On June 17th, 1918, I visited this beautiful little village on the Rideau lakes. W. Bro. Bresee and W. Bro. McCullough, assisted by V. W. Bro. Gorrell, put candidates through the second and third degrees to our entire satisfaction.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath, was visited on June 17th, 1918. Splendid work is done by this lodge and the second degree put on by W. Bro. Winslo Thompson was no exception to the rule. Large attendance of members and an enjoyable fourth degree.

Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay, visited on June 20th, 1918. W. Bro. F. S. Young was disappointed in his candidate for initiation. The lodge was passed to the second degree and raised to the third degree, and was then closed severally in the third, second and first degrees. This lodge has a good, healthy membership which appears somewhat scattered. A little self-denial and some extra push by the officers and members should make this lodge one of the best in the district.

Among those upon whose remains the sprig of evergreen has fallen is that of R. W. Bro. Robert Hendry, of Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston. R. W. Bro. Hendry was Worshipful Master of that lodge in 1865, 66, 67, 68, 69, 79, 93 and 1894. Eight years of service at the head of the now largest lodge in the district. Initiated August 13th, 1862, died February 8th, 1918.

Especially do I wish to thank for their assistance, R. W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, P.D.D.G.M., W. Bro. J. H. H. Coleman, P.M.; Bro. C. W. De Mille and V. W. Bro. J. R. Smeaton, of Kingston. These brethren are all enthusiasts.

In conclusion, I desire to express to all the brethren of Frontenac District, No. 14, my fondest recollections of the splendid manner in which they have received me as District Deputy Grand Master for the year ending July, 1918.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. SHANNON, D.D.G.M.,

Frontenac District No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Frontenac District No. 14, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd			Affiliations		Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'ts	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance				
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular					Emergency	Total														
31	Anc't St. John's	Kingston	277	16		17	19	19	1					2	10	9	19	38	114	00	3	24	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	Yes
91	Union	Napinee	195	4		6	5	7	3	4				1	14	4	18	25	45	00	23	162	50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	700 00
92	Catarqui	Kingston	337	24		25	23	21	2	3				6	10	10	20	40	210	00	20	100	00	July	2	1918	Good	Yes	900 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	116	8		8	4	4		1				12	1	13	20				10	28	00			Good	Yes	700 00	
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	83	15		14	11	9						11	5	16	25				5	40	00	June	24	1918	Good	Yes	2100 00
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	92	2		2	2	5						13	1	14	13	10	00	12	59	00	April	11	1918	Fair	Yes	2100 00	
157	Simpson	Newboro	77	2		5	5	4		1				2	13	3	16	19	10	00	13	55	87	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	500 00
201	Leeds	Cananogue	225	15		17	16	17	5	2	3			5	12	9	21	31	5	00	7	24	96	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	2000 00
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	82	4		4	4	4						4	12	5	17	15						Feb.	26	1918	Fair	Yes	Yes
253	Minden	Kingston	213	10		16	16	16						5	10	6	16	38	65	00	4	24	00	June	24	1918	Good	Yes	1000 00
299	Victoria	Centreville	64	3		4	3	3						1	12	1	13	21	70	00	20	75	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	200 00
404	Lorne	Tamworth	67		5			4		1	2			2	10	2	12	13	25	00	2	8	00	June	24	1918	Good	Yes	250 00
411	Westport	Westport	80	4		3	5	4						7	1	8	19				20		Dec.	27	1917	Fair	Yes	1000 00	
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	65			1	1	1		1				6	1	7							Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	1000 00	
497	St. Andrew's	Arden	74	15		15	16	15						14	10	24	19				15	86	00	Feb.	8	1918	Good	Yes	700 00

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &
A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.
Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have very much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Lawrence District No. 15, during the past year.

I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation of the honour and distinction conferred upon me in electing me to this high and important office. Especially am I thankful to those who so kindly assisted me in my work and accompanied me on my visits. I have endeavoured to discharge my duties with a full appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the brethren.

My task has been made pleasant by the uniform kindness and hearty co-operation extended me throughout the district.

I am glad to report harmony and progress throughout the district. The work witnessed in different lodges is of a uniform and general high character. The Worshipful Masters and officers, generally, are anxious to do their work as perfectly as possible. Men with strong personality, skill and ability, and impressed with the responsibility of their positions. The prospects of Masonry in this district are most encouraging.

During the year I visited every lodge in the district on their regular meeting nights.

My first visit was Lyn Lodge, No. 416, on September 25th. The W. M., Bro. F. Stafford, conferred the third degree in a very creditable manner. R. W. Bro. A. E. Cumming, P.D.D.G.M., assisting him. Much credit is due to W. Bro. M. Brown, the Secretary, for the very able manner in which the officers performed their duties.

On October 2nd I paid a fraternal visit to Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, on which occasion they conferred the first degree on three candidates.

Otter Lodge, No. 504, I visited on October 30th. The W. M., Bro. Hurford, coming one hundred and twenty miles to be in the chair to meet me, which fact I much appreciated, and shows his enthusiasm. There was no work. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees.

My next visit was Harmony Lodge, No. 370, on November 28th. The W. M., unfortunately, was unable to be present owing to sickness. The chair was taken by W. Bro. Howard, who conferred the second degree.

On December 22nd, I visited my mother lodge, Sussex No. 5, and Salem, No. 368, this being the night of installation of officers, which ceremony was performed by R. W. Bro. Geo. K. Dewey. No degrees were conferred, but I have witnessed both lodges confer degrees many times and know they do excellent work.

On January 18th, I again visited Sussex, No. 5. This lodge having passed the hundredth milestone, was celebrating her Centenary night. The brethren are extremely indebted to the M. W. the Grand Master for the very eloquent address delivered by him, which will be long remembered by the brethren. On this occasion the chair was taken by R. W. Bro. Geo. K. Dewey, whose grandfather was a charter member, and father was Junior Warden. He asked the M. W. the Grand Master to present the P. Ms. with a P. M. jewel and conferred upon me the honour of presenting thirty-seven members, who have been members for thirty years, with life membership certificates.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, was my next visit, on February 19th. We had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. McGee and R. W. Bro. Watchorn, and, as should be expected, under the guidance of these brethren, found their officers doing excellent work.

On February 25th, accompanied by several Brockville brethren, I visited St. James, No. 74. Though the roads were very bad, R. W. Bro. Mc Kim, P.D.D.G.M., was there to welcome me. The officers of this lodge are all young and enthusiastic Masons and should make good progress.

Landsdowne Lodge, No. 387. I visited this lodge on March 21st. They had no degree work, but the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees. A very pleasant feature of this visit was the presence of two members of this lodge who were over eight-seven years of age and still attend lodge.

On March 22nd, I again visited Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, to pay the last sad office of respect to the late R. W. Bro. Gordon Putnam, P.D.D.G.M.

Osiris Lodge, No. 489, was my next visit on March 29th. Here I witnessed the third degree with musical ritual, which added greatly to the beauty and solemnity of this degree.

On April 8th, Salem Lodge very kindly invited R. W. Bro. Fluker and myself to be present with them on the Past Masters' night, on which occasion R. W. Bro. Fluker delivered an eloquent address and they conferred upon me the honour of presenting their Past Masters with P. M. jewels.

On April 22nd, I visited Macoy Lodge, No. 242. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and the third degree conferred upon a candidate in excellent manner. This lodge is much indebted to their Secretary, R. W. Bro. F. Mallory, for the proficient manner in which all the officers did their work.

Rising Sun, No. 85, I visited on April 25th, when the second degree was conferred. I regret to report that I was not favourably impressed with the work done, and there is considerable room for improvement. I endeavoured to point out to the officers the necessity of closer study and advised the W. M. to call his officers together and hold rehearsals.

St. Francis' Lodge, No. 24, was my next visit on April 26th, and I received a hearty welcome. The W. M. and officers conferred the second degree very impressively, assisted by the choir under the direction of their Secretary, R. W. Bro. Fluker, G.J.W.

True Briton, No. 14. I visited this lodge on May 6th. The W. M., R. W. Bro. Hands, opened the lodge in the three degrees and conferred the third degree in a manner that could be greatly improved. The choir rendered the musical part of the ceremony in a very able manner.

Crystal Fountain, No. 389, I visited on May 22nd. The W. M. conferred the second degree in a very commendable manner.

On June 24th I again visited Lyn Lodge, No. 416, and witnessed the installation of their officers, which ceremony was very ably performed by W. Bro. Brown and from the selection of officers am sure that the future of this lodge is in good hands.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of the district for their kindness and assistance. Each lodge I visited banqueted in a manner most pleasing, but still having in mind the orders of the Food Controller. I also wish to thank W. Bro. Cummings, of Salem Lodge, who was ever ready with his car to assist me.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. KNAPP, D.D.G.M.,

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &
A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Having now completed my term as your representative of the 16th or Ottawa District, (and to me the time seems to have passed with undue haste) I have the honour and pleasure of submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in this district for the Masonic year, 1917-18.

In doing so I have nothing but the oft-used phrases in which to tender my sincere thanks to my brethren of the district for the honour and confidence they placed in me in electing me to this distinguished position. It is only since occupying it that I have come to fully realize the great trust that this honour involves, and that the very best material that we have in the district is required to do justice to its requirements and, incidentally, have revealed to me my many deficiencies.

The loyalty of the brethren everywhere throughout the district has been most marked in my reception as your representative, Most Worshipful Sir, and their assistance, encouragement and zeal in behalf of their Grand Lodge representative has been so unanimous that, with two exceptions, I must here refrain from mentioning any names,—I must, however, acknowledge persistency in making use of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Jeffrey, both "in and out off season,"—and have always been met with that easy grace Bro. Jeffrey so eminently possesses when conferring a kindness—of making one feel oneself the benefactor—and also to M. W. Bro. Luke, from whom, in seeking information, we invariably receive also inspiration and confidence, and whose advice and assistance during my term in office I can never forget.

I have visited each of the twenty-two lodges in the district once officially and many of them on other occasions.

With few exceptions our lodge rooms are models of comfort and attractive in arrangements, and in consequence tend to inspire a demeanor in keeping with the dignity to which our Order is entitled.

The meetings have all been well attended as a rule, great interest manifested, and Masonic traditions ever safeguarded, and the utmost harmony and good feeling in evidence, while almost without exception there has been steady growth and prosperity.

While the work in general is being performed most creditably, I would draw the attention of lodge officers and indeed of all lodge members to the importance of a more thorough familiarity with our constitution, many simple rulings having been requested of me that only needed my indicating a section in our constitution to clear up, thus revealing the want of a proper realization of the duties required even of the newly initiated candidate. I also regret that the brethren in some of our country lodges continue so careless of the benefits to be derived in so many ways from at least occasional visits to one another's lodges, and in consequence are apt to develop a mechanical and uninteresting atmosphere in the performance of the degree work, many old Masons never having been inside a lodge room other than that in which they were initiated; and many officers perpetuating irregularities and omitting little attractive details in blissful unconsciousness of any shortcomings.

I was anxious that a Lodge of Instruction should have been held during the year, and to that end discussed the proposal with many prominent brethren from different points in the district, and while there was general unanimity as to the benefits to be derived, it was felt that owing to the stress of engagements and unusual conditions everyone was subjected to on account of the war, coupled with the fact that we were experiencing one of the most

severe winters in our history and faced with a serious fuel shortage, we, therefore, thought it wise to abandon the idea.

Many lodges have made provision to increase their source of revenue, but unless in the past such has been in excess of requirements, I fear many have not yet made adequate provision.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, I can assure you that in general the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District is most gratifying, the officers in almost every lodge are earnest, capable men, the work being well done and with fair uniformity; financial standing good; and the lodge rooms as a whole, comfortable, attractive and appropriately equipped, so that the spirit of zeal and optimism prevailing among officers and members generally is the result obtained; and my earnest endeavour has been to uphold the dignity of the office my brethren entrusted to me, and to serve the district to the best of my ability in a practical manner.

Official Visits.

Enterprise Lodge, No. 516, Beachburg. Visited October 1st, 1917. On this, my first official visit, I was accorded a most cordial reception. Work, third degree, candidate one of the resident clergymen; all the officers' work is excellent; attendance good. Enterprise Lodge is in enviable circumstances, both as regards membership and finances. It gave me unusual pleasure to congratulate V. W. Bro. Dr. Forbes, one of the old stalwarts of this lodge, on the distinction recently conferred on him by Grand Lodge in appointing him Grand Superintendent of works, and who very impressively delivered the charge on this occasion.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place. Visited October 12th, 1917. I spent a very pleasant evening with the brethren of this lodge and had anticipated seeing the three degrees conferred on this occasion, under dispensation, but the candidate had to leave two days previously for overseas. I, however, had the pleasure of witnessing a second degree conferred by the W. M., who was assisted

by an exceptionally capable staff of officers. This old lodge has very comfortable and attractive quarters; is in good hands, the officers all taking a great interest in their work, and their zeal continues to attract many of her Past Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters as regular attenders and frequent participants in lodge work.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa. Visited October 23rd, 1917. This was my first official visit to the Ottawa city lodges and the greeting extended to me, and the large attendance, portended a most enjoyable and gratifying series of visits to the fraternity in Ottawa. Work: First degree, exemplified in a careful and gratifying manner by the W. M., ably assisted by his officers, who all seemed imbued with an earnestness of purpose that could not fail to make a marked impression on the young candidate, this high standard of work only confirming my anticipations of the Ottawa City Lodges. I also had the pleasure of presenting W. Bro. Reid the Immediate Past Master, with the jewel of a Past Master on behalf of his brethren.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew. Visited November 5th, 1917. With a large attendance present, the M. M. degree was conferred by the W. M. in an impressive manner, R. W. Bro. Cox presenting the working tools and R. W. Bro. Barr delivering the charge, their participation and personalities adding greatly to the attractiveness of the evening's programme. A feature of my visit on this occasion which I also much appreciated, was my reception to the lodge in time to observe the manner of disposing of the routine business. The practical patriotism of the brethren was evinced on this occasion also in making provision to purchase generously of Victory Bonds when the campaign opens in the near future.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa. Visited November 20th, 1917. A very large and impressive gathering of the fraternity greeted me on this occasion and, no doubt, also intended this courtesy for R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D.G.M., whose presence made the occasion a memorable one.

Work, first degree, exceptionally well done, eliciting voluntary encomiums from several eminent brethren present. I also had the pleasure of again spending an evening with my brethren of Fidelity Lodge on February 19th, 1918, when W. Bro. Lang, the W. M., though troubled with a disagreeable cold, and hoarseness, exemplified the first degree with entire satisfaction to myself and to his own credit.

The Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa. Visited December 14th, 1917. As I had anticipated, a large and distinguished attendance greeted me when I visited this lodge. The E. A. degree was intelligently and impressively conferred by the W. M., ably supported by his officers. W. Bro. Simpson's personality is strongly evidenced throughout every detail of this lodge's proceedings, and many of her Past Masters keep in practical co-operation with him. I again had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's jewel, this time to W. Bro. Kendall, and the lodge on this occasion also put into practice a unique and touching feature in presenting two of their brethren, R. W. Bro. Butterworth and Bro. Thos. Wensley, with handsome lockets on attaining to fifty years' membership. Bros. Butterworth and Wensley, in appearance, promise many years yet of active membership, which we all earnestly wish for them. It gave me much pleasure to congratulate the brethren of Builders' Lodge on their decision to devote the sum usually spent on a banquet to the relief of the Halifax sufferers.

Ionic Lodge, No. 526, Westboro. Installation. December 27th, 1917. This occasion brought me practically into home surroundings, and I have to express my great appreciation of W. Bro. Heney's courtesy in requesting me to officiate as Installing Master, and to R. W. Bro. Jeffrey and W. Bro. Mc Phail for their kind and efficient assistance. There is no doubt of Ionic's Lodge's progress during the coming year under W. Bro. Cairn's supervision, as its atmosphere of harmony and optimism is most assuring.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa. Visited

January 2nd, 1918. I had the pleasure of meeting with the brethren of this lodge the oldest in the city, on the above date, when the E. A. degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. F. A. Wright, in a manner requiring no criticism on my part, ably assisted by his officers who all seem to be well up in their work, which in this lodge has always been of the highest order, and that standard is being well maintained. Competent and earnest men fill every office in this lodge, and the prospects for future success and efficiency in the work leave nothing to be desired, and I note with pleasure the provision the brethren are making to donate assistance to the Halifax sufferers.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior. Visited January 18th, 1918. A large attendance including many visitors, greeted me on my visit to this lodge. I much appreciated being received immediately after the opening ceremonies and previous to the disposing of the routine business of the lodge, the manner in which such is conducted generally gives a good idea of the executive thoroughness, and on this occasion impressed me very favourably. Work, the first degree, which was very carefully conferred by W. Bro. White and his staff of officers. With the exception, perhaps, of a little lack of finish in the floor work, the Junior Warden's lecture is deserving of special commendation. The brethren of Madawaska Lodge took advantage of this occasion to celebrate the golden jubilee of the lodge's inception, and to unveil a roll of honour to eleven of their number serving the empire overseas, Bro. Rev. Cliff officiating in a very inspiring and impressive address, and Bro. Rev. A. H. Whalley paying generous tribute and encomiums to "Our Boys Overseas." An exceedingly appropriate and valuable address by W. Bro. Armon Burwash, the oldest P. M. of the lodge, on its past fifty years' history, appealed to me as being deserving of being preserved in the lodge records, which I requested the W. M. to have done.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte. Visited February 1st, 1918. On the occasion of my official visit the lodge was opened promptly on time and I

was admitted and very cordially received; immediately after the opening ceremonies. W. Bro. Lundy and his officers exemplified the E. A. degree in an attractive and highly commendable manner, the floor work deserving especial mention and the music adding very much to the attractiveness of the evening's work. The lodge room is neatly furnished and with every convenience, and the prospects for the future are of the brightest.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden. Visited February 12th, 1918. The W. M., W. Bro. Mac Laren, an old P. M., conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner. All the officers appeared to be fairly conversant with their work, but show considerable want of practice. The Cobden brethren have comfortable quarters and good prospects.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa. Visited February 22nd, 1918. I received a hearty reception from my brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge on this occasion, and the attendance that greeted me spoke well for the condition of Masonry existing and the respect in which they hold the representative of their Grand Master. Work, the first degree; very well done, every officer doing himself credit and leaving no room for criticism. W. Bro. Revell has a fine conception of his work, and is careful in impressing its meaning on the candidate. W. Bro. Snow on this occasion was the recipient of a beautiful Past Master's jewel in appreciation of his services by his brethren, and it gave me much pleasure to assure him of their sentiments.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa. Visited March 12th, 1918. Civil Service makes a specialty of a third degree District Deputy Night, and I have had the privilege in the past few years of being present on several such occasions, and the present one fully justified the anticipations of the large attendance that greeted me and the reputation that invariably assures such a turn out. W. Bro. Conger is an excellent ritualist, has exceptional qualities of enunciation and impressiveness, which with the great asset this lodge possesses in its

musical talent, and the finished support of every officer, presented an evening's programme neither easily duplicated or forgotten.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa. Visited April 5th, 1918. My visit to Doric Lodge, in completing my list of official visits to the Ottawa City Lodges, in no way disappointed me in attendance, warmth of greeting, and the general precision of its work. W. Bro. Stanley and his staff of officers conferred a first degree in a fairly competent and instructive manner. Doric seems to be the Mecca for city farmers or, perhaps I should call them, agriculturists, and the presence of many such helped to make me feel very much at home on this occasion; and nothing can exceed the good feeling, Masonic and otherwise, existing among the brethren both in the lodge room and outside.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond. Visited April 23rd, 1918. A large turnout of brethren greeted me on this, my official visit, to my mother lodge, and although I have not had many opportunities of attending within the past four years, or since my home lodge at Hazeldean came into existence, I note with much pleasure that the standard of work in old Goodwood is being well maintained. W. Bro. Hemphill and his staff of officers exemplified the M. M. degree in a careful and correct manner, the floor work, however, showing some need of more coaching and practice. No doubt this seems more accentuated under conditions of inspection by a G. L. officer, accompanied by numerous visitors. Much enthusiasm prevails among the officers and brethren on the progress being made in their preparations to build a new hall during the present year, and their determination that it shall be in every way commensurate with the dignity and requirements of the craft, is most commendable.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp. Visited April 26th, 1918. During the past six months I have paid frequent visits to this lodge, and on each occasion the officers have evinced a keen desire to avail themselves of any assistance I was capable of offering, to improve their work, so that on this

occasion, coming to them in my official capacity, I was not surprised but greatly gratified to find the standard of their work fully on a par with the majority of the lodges in the district and creditable alike to the lodge's past reputation and to the officers who now occupy the chairs, the work submitted for my inspection being a third degree with a very nicely prepared and intelligent candidate for the occasion. W. Bro. Morrison's interpretation of this beautiful degree shows careful study and preparation and the openings and closings in the three degrees most creditable to all taking part. Could the officers and brethren of Carleton Lodge be induced to occasionally put themselves in a position to see other officers do the work, it would give them the little touches of finish and confidence which add so much to the attractiveness of otherwise very commendable efforts.

Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell. Visited April 29th, 1918. Work, the E. A. degree, very well done, all the officers' efforts showing careful thought and preparation. W. Bro. McLaren measures up well to all requirements, both as a ritualist and an executive, a happy combination, and his personality and calling assure an earnest and deep impression on the mind of the candidate. After the close of the lodge, great interest was manifested by the numerous questions, discussions and exemplifications propounded by many of the brethren, all seeming to be deeply interested in becoming more perfect in the Order they have already done so much for in this thriving little village.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke. Visited May 2nd, 1918. My visit to Pembroke Lodge had been postponed on two occasions owing to illness, first of myself, and the second time of the W. M., and on account of the seriousness of the latter's I had anticipated should any degree work be presented, that W. Bro. Sparling would have been justified in delegating a substitute to act in his stead, but his zeal and conscientiousness determined otherwise, and the M. M. degree was presented in practically a faultless manner, including all the formalities of openings and closings with which it is

surrounded, and which to some extent brings all the officers' qualities into evidence. A pleasing feature, and one that always greatly enhances the beauty of this degree, was the talented musical accompaniment.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville. Visited May 13th, 1918. I have not seen better all-round work done in this district than was presented for my inspection on this occasion, it being a first degree and the candidate one of our boys in khaki, home on furlough—which, no doubt, had an inspiring effect in bringing out the full merits of every officer concerned. Owing to the small percentage of members residing in proximity to the lodge, the attendance at meetings is not a true indication of the condition of Masonry in Bonnechere Lodge, and the few on whom devolves the duty of keeping up the practical work in the lodge are deserving of all the greater credit for the excellent manner in which it is performed.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower. Visited May 24th, 1918. As the 24th of May is usually a day taken advantage of to indulge in excursions or celebrations at a distance from home, I had come prepared to make allowance for such an effect on the attendance at lodge on this occasion, but the brethren evidently considered (to their credit) that the day's celebration this year should, at least, include their evening being devoted to the interests of the craft, a very large attendance, including many visitors, being on hand to greet me. Work, two first degrees; candidates both young men about to don the khaki, a degree each being exemplified by the W. M. and I. P. M. in a highly creditable manner. W. Bro. Richardson is a careful ritualist and his enunciation gives the candidate a distinct grasp of what is intended to be conveyed. W. Bro. Stratton, though not expecting to be called on, showed how soundly he has his work established.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark. Visited June 4th, 1918. Attendance small; work, the second degree; its presentation being a disappointment,

necessitating criticisms in strong contrast to conditions which I had practically come to take for granted as invariably existing throughout the district. Some of the officers' work showed an absolute disregard for the requirements of the office, while an air of general laxness was prevalent. I must, however, concede allowances for a series of adverse circumstances with which the lodge has had to contend within the past few years, causing the removal of many of their Past Masters and other prominent brethren from the village. Still, it seems to me there is yet ample first class material (and which is being steadily increased) to make Evergreen second to none, but it requires a controlling and inspiring influence, and if such is forthcoming, and a united and earnest effort made to meet these requirements, my successor should have a very different report to make.

Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517, Hazeldean. Visited June 19th, 1918. Since occupying my present position I have attended almost every meeting of this my home lodge, so that, for purposes of inspection this official visit was, to a great extent, only a matter of form. I may venture to state that its premises and equipment are second to none in the district according to requirements. Great care has always been taken to thoroughly prepare and impress every candidate as accepted and advanced, consequently the material for its chairs is abundant, well qualified, and justly ambitious, efficiency usually engendering enthusiasm and zeal; its weaknesses being some lack of self assertion in its W. Masters and lack of enterprise among its members in visiting sister lodges. Work on this occasion, a second degree. It is but simple justice to say that it was well done by every officer taking part, quite beyond criticism, and bringing forth kind words of compliment from many eminent brethren present. Prospects excellent.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond. Laying the Corner Stone, June 29th, 1918. The name of this old historic village—Richmond—and Freemasonry may locally be said to be almost synony-

mous terms. Founded in 1818, just 100 years ago, it was visited the following year (Aug. 19th, 1819) by the Duke of Richmond, then Governor-General of British North America, after whom the village was named, and who made his headquarters and entertained the principal residents on that occasion in a hostlery known as the "Masonic Arms,"—surely this name if not altogether decisive is at least suggestive. However, if a Masonic lodge did not exist at this date, the "Masonic Arms" was undoubtedly the first home of the craft in the village a few years later. Today's event, the laying of the Corner Stone of a new and up-to-date Masonic home for the brethren of Goodwood Lodge by M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, adding another conspicuous and gratifying leaf to its Masonic history. According to announcement, Grand Lodge assembled in the old lodge room at eleven o'clock a.m., and was called off until two o'clock p.m., when, accompanied by some two hundred brethren, it proceeded to the site of the new hall on McBean Street where, with full Masonic ceremonial, the Corner Stone was well and truly laid.

To summarize very briefly: As compared to the figures in last year's report, there has been an increase in membership in the district during the year of 7 per cent.; in the meetings of 5 per cent.; and in the degree work of 20 per cent.; there has also been 20 per cent. more distributed in measures of relief, and the amount of the arrearages of dues outstanding has slightly decreased—about 4 per cent—some few lodges should, with credit to themselves, make this last item show more favourably by the time my successor comes to report.

My year as your Grand Lodge representative for the district, as I mentioned before, has been a pretty busy one. I had hoped to have visited every lodge twice, once officially, and to again drop in unannounced and informally, but in this latter I have failed in seven instances, owing to the clashing of the dates of meetings with others it was imperative that I should attend. These second, or informal visits, I have found to be in many cases of

the most practical benefit to all concerned, and this result I felt rewarded me for any extra time and effort they cost, but if my year has been busy, it has also been one of great pleasure and gratification and its associations and recollections shall be an unfailing and unalloyed source of happiness to me during the remainder of my life.

Fraternally submitted,

R. H. GRANT, D.D.G.M.,

Ottawa District No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Ottawa District No. 16, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodges	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arrears	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance						
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.						F. C.	M. M.	Deceased									Regular	Emergent	Total			
52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	384	27	17	23	21	18	2	7	1	8	11	13	24	13	320	00	10	156	35	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	Hall Bd.	
58	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	276	20	17	18	21	4	1	1	1	1	10	7	17	42	275	25	4	20	50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	Hall Bd.	
63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place.....	209	3	2	6	9	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	17	10	00	9	41	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	7000 00		
122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	145	7	12	8	10	1	1	2	2	3	12	10	22	23	00	12	47	50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	No	1000 00		
128	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	196	15	14	16	15	4	1	2	2	1	13	12	25	20	80	00	41	426	55	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	1600 00	
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	107	6	3	6	5	4	2	3	3	2	11	11	22	00	3	18	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	600 00			
148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	277	20	17	13	13	7	1	2	2	2	10	7	17	38	135	75	8	94	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	None	
159	Goodwood.....	Richmond.....	66	5	6	5	5	4	1	2	3	1	12	11	13	16	15	00	4	35	00	Jan.	27	1918	Build'g	Yes	600 00	
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	326	29	14	24	21	16	4	1	5	1	8	10	14	21	58	200	00	30	181	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	Hall Bd.
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	118	3	7	6	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	4	15	19	115	00	10	68	50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	750 00	
209	Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	58	9	9	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	10	2	12	12	10	00	18	182	50	Dec.	27	1917	Excel't	Yes	200 00	
231	Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	319	16	20	15	16	4	1	2	5	2	10	10	20	39	390	36	6	56	50	Dec.	27	1917	Excel't	Yes	None	
264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	275	16	11	15	16	9	1	2	5	4	10	11	21	44	250	60	15	128	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	Hall Bd.	
371	Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	208	12	11	15	19	7	1	3	1	1	10	4	14	10	50	00	10	180	00	Dec.	28	1917	Good	Yes	Hall Bd.	
433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville.....	73	4	8	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	13	100	00	16	76	50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	700 00	
459	Cobden.....	Cobden.....	99	5	11	10	13	1	2	3	2	1	13	6	19	19	00	17	77	60	Dec.	27	1917	Excel't	Yes	500 00		
465	Carleton.....	Carp.....	70	10	8	11	11	1	2	1	1	1	13	5	18	23	25	00	3	27	00	Feb.	2	1918	Good	Yes	600 00	
476	Corinthian.....	North Gower.....	72	6	3	6	3	1	1	2	1	1	13	1	14	21	35	00	4	27	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	1000 00	
479	Russell.....	Russell.....	105	6	1	5	4	4	1	1	1	1	14	3	17	18	00	22	161	75	Dec.	27	1917	Pair	Yes	4500 00		
516	Enterprise.....	Beachburg.....	62	4	4	6	9	1	1	1	1	1	12	6	18	30	00	00	00	00	Dec.	27	1917	Spl'nd	Yes	700 00		
517	Hazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	61	5	4	14	13	1	1	1	1	1	13	5	18	24	00	00	00	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	2500 00		
526	Ionic.....	Westboro.....	99	19	2	18	9	10	2	1	1	1	11	4	15	31	00	00	00	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	1500 00		

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to present my report on the condition of Masonry throughout Algoma District No. 17, for the year 1917-18.

I wish to express my thanks and my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me by the brethren of the district in electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and also to express my thanks for the assistance and many acts of courtesy extended to me by members of the craft throughout the district.

I have visited each lodge once officially, and a number of them I have visited on other occasions. During the year I was invited to take part in two installation ceremonies. On December 27th, Fort William and Connaught Lodges united for this important ceremony and a most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

I was likewise invited to install the officers of Port Arthur Lodge. It was my privilege and honour to unveil a beautiful Honour Roll, containing the names of many of the brethren of Port Arthur Lodge who have enlisted for overseas service.

On November 13th I paid my official visit to Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, in Port Arthur. W. Bro. W. W. Brown and his officers most creditably conferred the second degree on a candidate. The floor work was well done. The W. Master has a splendid grasp of the work and the work was done in a most impressive manner. Shuniah Lodge has an excellent Secretary in Bro. G. Milne. The books are well kept and satisfactory in every way.

Port Arthur Lodge, No. 499, Port Arthur. I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on March 10th. W. Bro. Bell was in the chair. The work of initiating a candidate was well done by the W. M.

and his officers. I am delighted to see the Past Masters of this lodge so loyally supporting each Master in the chair. In W. Bro. Rome, Port Arthur Lodge has a careful and efficient Secretary and one in whom the officers and brethren have every confidence.

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Francis. I visited this lodge at an emergency meeting on March 28th, at which there was a very fair attendance. There were no candidates, so the W. M. W. Bro. Huffman, opened and closed in the three degrees and in each I encouraged the brethren to ask any question upon which they were not clear. We had a splendid discussion and, I trust, with profit to all. Granite Lodge has a beautiful lodge room. From the work exemplified in opening and closing I feel certain that W. Bro. Huffman and his officers are doing splendid work. W. Bro. Warner, the Secretary, is to be complimented on the manner in which he keeps his books.

Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River. I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting, March 29th. W. Bro. Grimshaw was in the chair, and he and his officers initiated a candidate into the mysteries of Freemasonry. This was the W. Master's first initiation since assuming office, but from the manner in which he conferred this degree, I feel confident he will prove efficient.

Golden Star Lodge, No. 484, Dryden. I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting, April 2nd. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, and while there was no degree work, we spent together a very enjoyable evening. W. Bro. Taylor opened the lodge in the various degrees and if questions and enquiries are any indication of life, I would say there is real activity and Masonic life among the brethren of Golden Star Lodge. The work of opening and closing was well done by the W. M. and his officers. The Secretary, Bro. Wilson, through unavoidable circumstances, was unable to be present, but I had the privilege of examining his books and found them quite satisfactory.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora. I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on April 3rd. I arrived in Kenora Wednesday morning and was met at the station by R. W. Bro. John K. Brydon and W. Bro. Geo. Smith, who informed me that he and his officers were meeting at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of passing five candidates. Not officially, but as an interested visitor, I accepted W. Bro. Smith's invitation to be present and I witnessed some splendid work. At eight o'clock I officially visited Pequonga Lodge, when W. Bro. Smith and his officers raised a candidate. The work by the W. M., Wardens and officers was exceptionally well done. W. Bro. Smith has a splendid grasp of his work and he delivers it in a most impressive manner. The Secretary's books were in first-class shape and entirely satisfactory.

Lake of the Woods Lodge No. 445, Kenora. This lodge was visited by me April 4th, at an emergent meeting, when W. Bro. Neale and his officers passed a candidate to the second degree. Under W. Bro. Neale's careful management this lodge has become clear of debt. The Master and his Wardens did very nice work and are to be congratulated. Bro. Baker, the Secretary, keeps his books right up to date. This is gratifying to any lodge.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin. I visited this lodge at a regular meeting, April 5th, when W. Bro. Mitchell and his staff of officers raised a candidate. They have a comfortable lodge room which they own, and apparently Keewatin Lodge is in good financial condition. W. Bro. Mitchell did very nice work and the degree was conferred in a sympathetic and impressive manner. There was a splendid turnout of brethren and visitors.

The Secretary's books were well kept and up to date in every respect.

Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William. I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on May 1st, when W. Bro. Cowell and his officers initiated a candidate. The W. M. and his Wardens knew their

work and gave it in good voice. V. W. Bro. Perry, who has been Secretary for years, was absent. His services as Secretary are valuable to Royal Lodge. This lodge has several enthusiastic and capable junior officers who, no doubt, will later give a good account of themselves.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William. I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on May 8th, and was greeted by a very large attendance of members and visitors. W. Bro. Cooper and his officers in a most efficient manner initiated a candidate. W. Bro. Cooper is a very enthusiastic and capable Master and as a result the other officers are interested and alert. The Secretary, W. Bro. Underhill, has his books in splendid condition.

Sioux Lookout Lodge, No. 518, Sioux Lookout. I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on May the 24th. Our train was quite late in arriving, and when we reached the lodge four candidates were being passed. The Master-elect, Bro. Walsh, who had not been installed, was directing the lodge, and after the candidates had been passed, I was asked to assume the gavel. I explained to the lodge that I had been commissioned by the M. W. the Grand Master to investigate some irregularities in connection with the constitutional government of the lodge, and after getting all facts, I asked the officers and brethren to pay strict attention to the Constitution of Grand Lodge and they would avoid any disruption of the lodge. I wish to congratulate the Past Masters and officers generally, for the quiet and charitable manner in which the whole matter

was discussed, and I have every reason to believe that the Past Masters and officers will in the future see that all proceedings are conducted constitutionally.

Connaught Lodge, No. 511, Fort William. I visited this, my own lodge, at a regular meeting, June 17th, when W. Bro. N. B. Darrell and his officers initiated a candidate. The W. M. and his officers did good work and as a result I think the candidate was very much impressed with the spirit of the ceremony. The Deacon was in good form

and, consequently, the floor work showed to advantage. Connaught Lodge is now clear of debt and should have a bright future.

In the month of May we had the privilege of informally meeting M. W. the Hon. W. D. McPherson, who happened to be visiting our city on other business. There was a large turn-out of Masons and the M. W. Bro. delivered a powerful and inspiring address.

In conclusion, I wish to again thank the brethren for the fraternal and hospitable manner in which I have been received by each and every lodge in the district.

Fraternally submitted,

A. R. MILLS, D.D.G.M.,

Algoma District No. 17.

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District No. 18, for the past year.

I desire to extend my appreciation to the brethren of the district for the uniformly true Masonic courtesies extended to me during the year. The honour of representing the 18th district and the many kindnesses extended to me during my official year have placed me under a debt of gratitude such as I can never repay. I trust that my efforts, however, to represent the district impartially and fearlessly will in some measure repay the debt of gratitude which I owe.

The condition of Masonry in District No. 18 is very prosperous. In mostly all the lodges in the district the Masters are endeavouring to attain perfection and uniformity in the delivery of the work; as evidence of this at a lodge of instruction which I held at Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, all lodges in the district were represented, mostly sitting masters being present.

To the brethren of various lodges in the district who accompanied me on my official visits throughout the district I am particularly grateful. In some cases many of them accompanied me under circumstances which were very trying.

My first official visit was to Algonquin Lodge, No. 536, Copper Cliff, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating the lodge, dedicating the rooms and installing the officers, on the evening of September 18th, 1917. The brethren in this lodge are zealous workers, they have comfortable quarters and during the year have added much new material to their membership. Their Secretary, Bro. Orser, is as good as the best in the district.

My second official visit was to the two Soo lodges, Keystone, No. 412, and Algoma, No. 469, which were called jointly on Thursday, December 27th, for the purpose of installing the officers of these lodges, which ceremony, assisted by the P. Ms of these lodges, I performed. The brethren of the Soo lodges meet jointly annually for the purpose of installing the officers for the ensuing year. The best of harmony prevails between the two lodges and there is a marked friendly rivalry which has resulted in the officers exemplifying the work in a highly efficient manner. Keystone Lodge, in particular, and the whole of the district in general, suffered a loss in the death of the late Bro. W. H. Carney, who was the second on the register of the lodge. He was buried with Masonic honours on December 17th.

By command of the M. W. the Grand Master, I was directed to perform the ceremony of dedicating the rooms of Dymont Lodge, No. 442, Thessalon, on February 14th. The Grand Lodge regalia and equipment was delayed in arriving, but substitutes were secured and despite the worst snow storm of the winter, a large number of visitors attended and assisted me greatly in the performance of this ceremony. To the brethren of Gore Bay Lodge, W. Bros. Graham, Robinson and Clark, who drove twenty-two miles across the North Channel to catch a train and travel sixty miles to assist me, I am particularly grateful.

The W. M. and officers of Dymont Lodge conferred the second degree, which was done very well. The new quarters of this lodge are very comfortable and while all of their equipment had not arrived, when I paid them my visit, they have never become downhearted in their loss by fire of last year, and W. Bro. McArthur and officers, from all reports, will finish the year with a banner showing as to enthusiasm and interest in the work being done.

March 11th I paid my visit to Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay. The work of the evening was the first degree which was exemplified by W. Bro. Ross and officers in a very creditable manner, the

musical ritual being used. The candidate was an ideal one and the interest he manifested in the impressive work as exemplified by the W. M. and officers was marked. The charge in the first degree, as given by V. W. Bro. Weiger, is well worth a visit to Nipissing Lodge. The books of this lodge are in excellent condition and the attendance at meetings is large.

March 12th, Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, the oldest lodge in the district was visited. The work of the evening was a second degree. The attendance was not very large, as a large number of the brethren have joined the colours and many have moved out of town; but all in town were present, and while the number are few, the enthusiasm and interest in the work is in no way lacking.

March 13th, Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447. The brethren of this lodge own their own lodge room and have it well equipped. The finances are good; they expect to have their building clear of all indebtedness in a short time. The work of the evening was the third degree which was very impressively exemplified by W. Bro. Cadman, assisted by P. Ms. of the lodge.

On March 20th I held a Lodge of Instruction at Nickel Lodge, Sudbury. The three degrees were exemplified. Algonquin Lodge, the youngest lodge in the district, exemplified the first degree, and there was very little to criticize. The second and third degrees were exemplified by Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury, and W. Bro. Jackson and officers were highly complimented by all present on the efficient manner in which the work was put on. The work of the Deacons of this lodge was of the very highest order. One excellent feature of the Lodge of Instruction was that every lodge in the district (twelve) had a representative, six of them being the sitting Masters of their respective lodges. Much instruction was derived from this meeting and I hope that an annual meeting of the lodges in a similar lodge of instruction will be always followed by my successors in office. The brethren of this lodge, and I might say it was general throughout

all my visits, with regard to banquets, displayed excellent taste in having a sane fourth. The feasts were in mostly all cases of the war time variety, and I did not hesitate to compliment the brethren on their having it so.

On Wednesday evening, May 1st, I visited Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472. The work of the evening was the second degree and was well exemplified. The brethren of this lodge were out in goodly numbers, although several had many miles to come. Their Secretary, Bro. C. C. Platt, has missed two meetings in fifteen years, despite the fact that he lives over a mile from the lodge room. During my visit the brethren of this lodge asked me to present their Secretary with a Masonic ring as a slight token of his valued services for fourteen years. The Gore Bay Lodge has a good staff of Past Masters who take an active part in all meetings. The lodge books and general Masonic outlook are good.

On Thursday, May 2nd, I visited Doric Lodge, No. 455, Little Current. From the examination of attendance book something is needed to swell the attendance at Doric. The W. M. was not present and the opening and closing ceremony was done by R. W. Bro. Wallace. This lodge has possibly the largest lodge room in the district but the attendance is poor.

On Wednesday, June 5th, I visited Espanola Lodge, No. 527. The work of the evening was the second degree which was as impressively exemplified by W. Bro. McEwen and officers as any degree I have had the pleasure of seeing put on during my term. The candidate was an ideal one and had his work up letter perfect. This lodge is small in numbers but has bright prospects and does the work as well as the very best. The Past Masters are always on hand at all meetings and have been elected to offices which require their regular attendance, and assist in the exemplifying of the work.

In conclusion, I wish again to thank the brethren of the district for the honour in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M., and in giving up the office,

which I have endeavoured to fill to the best of my knowledge and ability, I do so reluctantly. The visits to the various lodges, the meeting strange brethren, and the renewal of old friends, has made the year a very pleasant one, indeed. I have tried to follow the advice of my predecessor in office, and have benefited much by his good advice. Like R. W. Bro. McCrea, of last year, I am of the opinion that a lodge of instruction should be held every year at some centre of the district, and also the attendance of as many of the sitting Masters in the district as can possibly attend.

On Monday evening, June 10th, I visited Penewobikong Lodge, No. 487, Blind River. This lodge celebrated its 10th anniversary at the May meeting at which the members of the fraternity and their wives enjoyed a social evening.

At the June meeting, which was my official visit, the second degree was creditably exemplified by W. Bro. Joseph Glanville and officers. There was very little for me to criticize. At the annual election of officers in this lodge, none are advanced to the East unless they are familiar with the work of the three degrees; the books of the Secretary are A.1. Bro. Braithwaite, who has acted as Secretary, for every sitting Master was presented with a Masonic ring and he has most certainly deserved it.

Finally, I wish to thank my District Secretary, W. Bro. Dyke, for the valuable assistance rendered me during my term.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. WHITE, D.D.G.M.,

Nipissing District No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Nipissing District No. 18, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Mem- bership		Degr's Confi'd		A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Amiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last C. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance
		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.								Regular	Emergent	Total									
405	Mattawa.....	115	1	1	1	2	2	2	5					1	1	3	9	40	00	36	25	Mar. 25	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
412	Keystone.....	413	12	1	20	15	9	6	5					5	11	24	35	100	00	55	402	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00
420	Nipissing.....	265		14	5	5	6	1	1	5	5			3	12	4	16	30	188	61	51	Dec. 26	Good	Excl'd	Yes	1000 00
427	Nickel.....	249		11	11	15	15	1	1	4	16			3	13	12	25	33	312	40	20	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	1250 00
442	Dymont.....	101	8	1	11	6	4	1	1					1	13	3	16	11	20	00	14	June 6	Good	Good	No	500 00
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	87		7	3	2	1	1	1					2	14	4	18	14	160	00	7	Feb. 11	O.K.	Good	Yes	3100 00
453	Doric.....	85	4	7	18	22	20		6					5	10	25	35	31	30	00	17	Dec. 21	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
469	Algoma.....	208	6	8	7	4	3	1	1	4	9			2	9	7	16	9	25	00	2	Dec. 21	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
472	Gore Bay.....	79	8	7	3	6	4		1					1	10	6	16	17	77	00	3	June 24	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
487	Penewobikong.....	68	3	3	3	6	4		1	1				1	10	6	16	17	77	00	4	Jan. 1	Pair	Good	Yes	650 00
527	Espanola.....	41	6	1	4	3	3	3	2					1	14	2	16	12	20	00	2	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
536	Algonquin.....	64	29	2	26	22	19		3	1				1	12	16	28	23		3	18	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00

MUSKOKA DISTRICT No. 19.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &
A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have much pleasure in presenting the following report on the condition of Masonry in Muskoka District No. 19 for the year just closed.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. J. W. Reid, of Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, as District Secretary, and he has rendered me a great deal of assistance in that capacity.

The work, both routine and degree in all the lodges, was done in a most creditable manner and with great uniformity and showing an earnest endeavour on the part of all to comply with the wishes and instructions of my predecessors and in harmony with Grand Lodge.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst, February 11th, 1918. I visited above lodge. W. Bro. Greavett opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees and passed a candidate in a very excellent manner. He was assisted in a very marked degree by a good attendance of Past Masters. The books are well kept and dues well attended to at the hand of V. W. Bro. J. Davidson, and the lodge rooms are perfect in every respect. This lodge has also adopted the musical ritual of Grand Lodge and under the skilful guidance of Rev. Bro. Clayton, are assured of success, as he has few equals, and is very heartily supported by the officers and brethren of the choir.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville, April 10th, 1918. I paid my official visit to this lodge and found nothing on the tracing board, but the Master, W. Bro. Flaxman, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, and from the way the work was done I have no doubt that Unity is in good hands.

Powassan Lodge, No. 433, Powassan, April 12th 1918. I visited this lodge and was most cordially received and W. Bro. Morrow exemplified the 3rd degree in a very creditable manner and was well supported by the Wardens and brethren; and this was all the more commendable in view of the small amount of work done by this lodge. The books are well kept and the dues well paid up, and I see no reason why Powassan Lodge should not increase steadily henceforth.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge, April 15th, 1918. I visited above lodge and found a very energetic Master in W. Bro. Stewart, who was ably supported by R. W. Bro. Edgar and other Past Masters, and who raised a candidate in an excellent manner; and they demonstrated that they are efficient in every detail of the work. The books are well kept in the hands of W. Bro. Anderson, and the prospects of this lodge are good in every way.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound, April 17th, 1918. I visited above lodge and met a most cordial welcome at what proved to be the largest gathering in the district, and found the work of the third degree done in an excellent manner by W. Bro. Napier, assisted by a grand array of Past Masters, who ably assisted him in the labours of the evening. This lodge has had the care of R. W. Bro. Knifton as Secretary for many years, and this reflects a great deal in the able manner the business was conducted and the books kept and, as they have over \$10,000.00 in the bank, having sold their lodge rooms, and waiting for the war to cease before building, they are in an excellent position financially, a great deal of which is due to those members of the early days who used their opportunities for the good of Granite and Masonry as a whole.

Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burks Falls, May 6th, 1918. I visited the above lodge and received a right hearty welcome, but, unfortunately, there was no work on the Tracing Board. W. Bro. Collins opened and closed in the three degrees in a very

able manner. R. W. Bro. McConkey gave a short address which was very heartily received; also the visiting brethren expressed their hearty good wishes and appreciation of the good work that Corona is doing, which reflects highly on R. W. Bro. Harris, Hilliar and other Past Masters who support the chair at all times. The work of the Wardens was especially commendable.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale, May 7th, 1918. I visited this lodge, where the work was done in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Shaw, who was ably assisted by the Past Masters and officers. As the brethren of this lodge live at a great distance from the lodge room, it shows a high regard for Masonry when there is a good turnout, such as we had on my visit, and as the work done in my presence was exceptionally good, it shows that even in the smallest villages the lodge can be made a centre from which radiates good fellowship and that kindly regard which we all value from our friends. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and judging from the number of visitors, seems to be the Masonic centre for the district. The books are well kept in the hands of R. W. Bro. Metcalf and dues well attended to.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge, June 4th, 1918. At this, my own lodge, I had the pleasure of the company of M. W. Bro. White, R. W. Bro. Cane, W. Bro. Grigg and W. Bro. Greavett and a large number of brethren from Golden Rule Lodge, together with a good number of Past Masters of the lodge. W. Bro. Foster extended a very hearty welcome to myself and the visiting brethren and then proceeded with the work of the evening, which was two third degrees. They were exemplified in a very impressive manner and he was ably assisted in this by W. Bro. Greavett and his officers of Golden Rule who took one of the candidates. This lodge is making good progress and its future success seems assured.

I cannot conclude this report without thanking the brethren for their kindness in electing me to the important position of D.D.G.M. I have been cor-

dially received on all occasions and I have evidently had the approval of the lodges in the district and although I know full well that I have not done all that might have been done, I have endeavoured to fulfil my duties to the best of my ability as far as my limited time would allow.

I have also a word of appreciation for those brethren who accompanied me on my visits, especially R. W. Bros. McConkey and Harris, to whose kind offices I am greatly indebted.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. McKAY, D.D.G.M.,

Muskoka District No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Muskoka District No. 19, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership		Degr's Conf'd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance				
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular	Emergent	Total													
352	Granite	Parry Sound	200	10	115	19	19	4	2	1	1	1	110	6	16	29	191	50	15	171	00	Dec.	27	1917	10,000	Excel't	Yes	1000 00
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	83	6	1	3	4	4	2	1	1	1	110	1	11	14	21	10	6	57	00	Dec.	26	1917	Good	Yes	300 00	
376	Unity	Huntsville	120	3	4	2	4	2	1	2	1	1	110	1	11	19	60	00	12	117	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	700 00	
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	103	9	5	7	7	2	1	1	1	1	113	3	16	20	65	00	2	11	00	June	21	1918	Good	Yes	Yes	Yes
423	Strong	Sundridge	77	5	3	5	6	6	1	1	1	1	111	1	12	15	15	109	00	Jan.	21	1918	Good	Yes	300 00	Yes	300 00	
434	Algonquin	Ensdales	106	13	1	11	8	7	2	1	1	1	113	1	14	25	20	60	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	400 00	Fair	400 00	
443	Powassan	Powassan	66	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	12	30	00	Dec.	31	1917	Fair	Yes	1917	Fair	Yes	400 00	
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	83	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	12	21	111	00	Feb.	25	1918	Fair	Yes	1918	Fair	Yes	400 00

VICTORIA DISTRICT No. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I take much pleasure in submitting to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Victoria District, No. 20, for the Masonic year ending June 24th, 1918.

During the year I visited all the lodges in the district, either personally or by representative, and the following report of the different lodges will show that the condition of Masonry in Victoria District will compare favourably with any district in Ontario.

My first visit was on March 7th to Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee. The candidate did not appear that evening, but the W. M. and officers opened and closed in the three degrees in such a manner as to convince me that their work was satisfactory. The energetic Secretary has his books well and neatly kept.

My second visit was to Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield, on March 22nd. Here I found a lodge nobly struggling along under somewhat adverse conditions. Owing to the completion of the great Lift Lock on the Trent Valley Canal many of the members, in order to find employment, have found it necessary to move elsewhere. It is gratifying to know that the remaining members are able to carry on the work in a satisfactory manner. I must congratulate W. Bro. Wm. Jobe, who is now W. M. for a second time. The books are in possession of Bro. Rev. M. A. Lindsay, and any who are fortunate enough to make his acquaintance will say: "there is enough said."

I visited Harding Lodge, No. 477, Woodville, on March 25th, and found a good, live lodge, presided over by W. Bro. W. J. Stoddart, ably assisted by W. Bro. A. E. Staback, Secretary, and several

up-to-date Past Masters. The work included two initiations, and it was a pleasure to see the quality of the work. Another pleasing incident was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. B. Stacey, who is moving to Peterborough. Hard-
ing Lodge own their own temple and are prosperous.

The next day, March 26th, found me at Beaverton, the home of Murray Lodge, No. 408. The work included the Fellowcraft degree and it was performed in a faultless manner.

Leaving Beaverton on the morning of March 27th, I visited Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls, at their regular meeting in the evening. Spry Lodge can boast of one of the most beautiful lodge rooms in the district. The work consisted of two third degrees, and it was splendidly exemplified. The music supplied by W. Bro. Burgoyne and choir put the finishing touches on their work. Spry Lodge is favoured with several live Past Masters, including W. Bro. Warren, the able Secretary, of whom it can be said that he devotes his best energies to Masonry. Spry Lodge apparently has a bright future.

The next visit, April 19th, brought me to the extreme end of the district, North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, Haliburton. The work for the evening was a second degree and it was very well done. You must make allowance in this part of the district, as the officers reside, in most cases, a great distance apart. They have the work all right, but not being able to come together for a grind, you sometimes find that the work is not connected. North Entrance Lodge is in a healthy condition financially, being the owner of their own building with no encumbrance.

I visited Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount, April 24th. The W. M. not being present, W. Bro. McCluney assumed the gavel, and in the absence of any work, opened and closed in the three degrees. We then opened a little lodge of instruction, and as all present were Master Masons, we

discussed the work of the different degrees. Somerville Lodge is fortunate in having an excellent Secretary. They are cramped for room in their present premises, but if their plans mature, they will soon be in possession of commodious quarters.

King George V., No. 498, Coboconk, was visited on the 20th of May. As Coboconk owing to train connection, is very inconvenient to visit from Peterborough, R. W. Bro. J. B. Begg, of Lindsay, very kindly consented to do this work for me. He reports a large attendance from Lindsay, Fenelon Falls and Kinmount. The work consisted of one initiation by the officers of King George V. Lodge, and a second degree exemplified by the officers of Spry Lodge, Fenelon Falls. Both degrees were worked almost perfectly. The books are well kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. Chas. Callan.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon, was also visited by R. W. Bro. J. B. Begg, on May 24th. Although there was no work a pleasant evening was enjoyed. The officers opened and closed in the three degrees. Part of the second degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. The books are well looked after by Bro. K. L. Wilson, who is a very capable Secretary.

On May 24th I paid a visit to the only lodge in the district that cannot be reached by rail—Arcadia, No. 440, Minden. This is a very pretty little village situated in a valley in Haliburton County. The business on the summons was the election of officers, which passed off very pleasantly. This lodge, as well as all the other lodges throughout the district, has felt the loss of the young men for service overseas very keenly. The Past Masters, seeing their opportunity to stand by the lodge, are nobly assisting in the work.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield, was visited on June 4th, that being the night of their regular meeting. As it was not convenient for me to be present, R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, P.D.D.G. M., of Fenelon Falls, very kindly officiated for me. Bro. Fitzgerald was accompanied by several of the

brethren from Peterborough and they report a pleasant evening. As the candidate did not report to receive his third degree, there was not any work done. After discussing the work in the three degrees, a banquet followed, which ended the proceedings.

I visited Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay, May 31st. We had a full house that night. There were candidates for the second and third degrees, and as Lindsay is the home of the former District Deputy, R. W. Bro. J. B. Begg, the work could not be otherwise than up to the minute. Lindsay is another instance of what can be accomplished when the Past Masters take an interest in Masonic work. I understand it is a custom with the Past Masters of Faithful Brethren Lodge to attend their meetings regularly.

As previously arranged, I visited the three lodges of Peterborough at a joint meeting held on Friday evening, June 21st. After the business of the different lodges was completed, a candidate was raised. The work was done by officers selected from Corinthian, Peterborough, and Royal Arthur Lodges. Owing to the recent loss by fire of the lodge room, the officers have been deprived of their usual grinds, which, of course, accounts for the work not being up to the standard, as formerly. The Masonic fraternity of Peterborough hope to be in permanent quarters by September 1st, and will then expect to have everything running smoothly.

Finally, I wish to again thank the brethren of Victoria District, No. 20, for honouring me with the office of D.D.G.M.

While I felt that I lacked the qualifications necessary for the position, I trust that my term of office has met with the approval of the brethren.

I was pleasantly received by the different lodges throughout the district, and can assure my successor the same cordial reception.

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. ALLIN, D.D.G.M.,

Victoria District, No. 20.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Victoria District No. 20, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem-ber-ship		Degr's Conf'd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'r's	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular	Emergent	Total									
77	Faithful Breth.	Lindsav	262	13	12	11	7	7	1	1	3	...	...	6	14	7	21	100 00	20	120 00	June 24	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	167	3	4	1	3	3	1	3	...	...	4	11	4	15	24	18 105 25	18	105 25	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	Ample
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	279	5	11	15	13	8	2	2	...	...	7	9	10	19	30	165 00	8	77 50	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	Ample
268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	72	5	7	4	5	1	1	1	...	...	1	11	2	15	19	5 10 50	5	10 50	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
313	Clementi	Lakefield	105	4	2	2	1	1	2	2	...	...	2	12	1	13	12	...	3	18 00	Dec. 27	Fair	Fair	Yes	750 00
375	Lorne	Omamee	78	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	8	3	11	15	...	9	75 00	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	50	3	3	3	1	2	2	2	...	...	2	12	1	13	10	35 00	...	...	Dec. 27	Fair	Good	Yes	Ample
406	Spry	Fencelon Falls	76	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	...	...	2	9	2	11	20	...	...	...	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	Ample
408	Murray	Beaverton	79	7	7	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	1	11	8	19	100 00	12	50 00	Jan. 1	O.K.	Good	Yes	Ample
440	Arcadia	Minden	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	11	11	15	...	...	...	June 24	Fair	V. good	Yes	Ample
451	Somerville	Kimount	59	4	3	4	4	4	4	2	...	...	...	9	9	12	13	15 00	7	42 50	June 24	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	50	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	...	...	...	11	1	12	13	5 00	12	54 00	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
477	Harding	Woodville	68	3	3	7	7	3	1	...	...	...	...	11	1	8	20	25 00	...	...	Dec. 27	Fair	Fair	Yes	250 00
498	King George V.	Coboconk	37	3	3	2	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	7	1	8	20	25 00	...	...	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	Ample
523	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	72	7	4	6	5	3	3	...	...	...	...	7	6	13	20	160 00	2	21 00	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	Ample

EASTERN DISTRICT No. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to have the honour of submitting the following report as D.D.G.M. of Eastern District No. 21 for the past Masonic year.

I wish, first of all, to sincerely thank the officers and members of every lodge in the district for the honour they conferred upon me in electing me to this important office, for the assistance they have all given me in the performance of my official duties and for the truly Masonic courtesy which was shown to me by all the brethren when I made my official visits.

I have visited every lodge in the district and am glad to be able to report that Masonry is in a flourishing condition. The work done is, generally, of a high order. The Secretaries are, without exception, capable and efficient and keep their books in splendid shape.

Shortly after taking office I appointed R. W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, of Farran's Point Lodge, District Secretary, and W. Bro. Rev. L. E. Gosling, of Wales Lodge, District Chaplain. I wish to thank both these brethren for the loyal support and ready assistance they have given me in the performance of my official duties.

Official Visits.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore, January 22nd. There was a fair attendance. The Master of the lodge, W. Bro. Jardine, exemplified the second degree very creditably. The officers all did their work well. Avonmore Lodge has a large, well proportioned and comfortably furnished lodge room, and its prospects are of the brightest.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480, Williamsburg, January 24th. Williamsburg Lodge is the smallest in the district from the stand-point of numbers, but it is thoroughly alive and very progressive, which is well proven by the facts that it has no arrears of dues outstanding and has a larger average attendance at its regular meetings than any other lodge in the district. W. Bro. McIntosh, the newly installed W. M., opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees and the third degree was conferred by several Past Masters in splendid style. The work done by the Deacons was well worthy of commendation.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster, February 19th. W. Bro. Dunn is the capable Master of this lodge, and on this occasion exemplified the first degree splendidly. The Senior Deacon had been absent on the night of the installation and the W. M. asked me to invest him, which I did. The candidate, who received the first degree, was a returned soldier. The brethren of Lancaster Lodge have very comfortable quarters, large and well-furnished.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois, February 20th. There was no degree work but the officers opened and closed the lodge in the different degrees in a splendid manner. When open in each degree a short discussion took place on the work of the degree. The Master of Friendly Brothers Lodge, W. Bro. P. W. Payne, although a very young man, displayed considerable tact and ability in getting through the regular order of business, which was done with neatness and dispatch. There was a large attendance of members.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, February 22nd. I enjoyed very much my visit to this lodge. Mount Zion has a beautifully furnished lodge room. There was a good attendance at the meeting. W. Bro. Snider and the other officers are all young men and do their work splendidly. The work for the evening was an initiation and the candidate was conducted through the ceremony in

a very impressive manner. The splendid way in which the Junior Warden delivered the lecture is worthy of mention.

Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales, February 25th. A large number of members were present on the occasion of my visit. The capable Master of Wales Lodge is W. Bro. O. C. Pitts, a Past Master of both Wales and Farran's Point Lodges. The first and third degrees were conferred by the regular officers of the lodge in a very impressive manner. Wales Lodge has grown very rapidly during the past few years and as it has a large number of loyal and enthusiastic Past Masters, its continued success is assured.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, March 5th. There was a large attendance. This lodge has the largest membership in the district and is in a flourishing condition, having only three members twelve months in arrears, in a membership of 151. The lodge room is commodious and well equipped and the officers are proficient in the work. The work for the evening was a third degree which was conferred in an almost faultless manner by W. Bro. Ball, the W. M., of the lodge. W. Bro. McNally is the capable Secretary of this lodge and a very enthusiastic craftsman.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville, March 8th. There was a fair attendance at the meeting and I enjoyed seeing the third degree exemplified in an able manner by W. Bro. Kennedy, the W. M. of the lodge. The Maxville brethren meet in a comfortable and tastefully furnished lodge room, and have every prospect of steady growth and continued prosperity.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg, March 22nd. Despite the fact that the roads in many places were well-nigh impassable, a fairly large number of the brethren were present. W. Bro. Robertson, the Master of the lodge, conferred the first degree in a splendid manner. The work done by the Wardens and the Junior Deacon was also worthy of special mention, being above the average. The

beautiful charge of the degree was splendidly given by W. Bro. Elliott.

Chesterville Lodge No. 320, Chesterville, March 25th. There was a good attendance. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Durant in a very impressive manner. W. Bro. Durant gives the work deliberately and with splendid expression. Chesterville Lodge is fortunate in possessing many earnest and capable Past Masters who take a deep interest in the work. The brethren of Chesterville lodge have reason to be proud of their beautiful and splendidly equipped lodge room, and the quality of their work is in harmony with their surroundings.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria, April 2nd. There was a fair attendance at this meeting. W. Bro. Bellamy presided in the East, and opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees. This part of the work was done splendidly by the different officers. R. W. Bro. Stewart is the Secretary of this lodge and a very capable officer.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, April 23rd. I am glad to have had the opportunity of visiting this old historic lodge, situated in the most easterly part of the province and the oldest lodge in the Eastern District. St. John's has some beautiful old furniture which the members prize very highly and a pedestal in the east which is unique, being probably the only one of its kind in use in Ontario. There was a large attendance. W. Bro. Downing expected to confer a degree on the occasion of my visit, but as the candidate was unable to be present, the time was profitably spent in opening and closing in the three degrees, which was well done by the officers of the lodge. When open in each degree a short discussion took place on various points of interest.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Riceville, April 24th. There was a good attendance. As the candidate for the evening was unable to be present, the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees by the W. M., W. Bro. Wilson, and the regular

officers in a splendid manner. Each officer in the lodge deserves credit for the accurate and impressive manner in which he does his portion of the work. The floor work of the Deacons in the opening and closing was well-nigh perfect, and as this is a part of the work which is often neglected, I think it worthy of mention. V. W. Bro. Ryan is the capable Secretary of Plantagenet Lodge.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury, April 25th. There was a large attendance on the occasion of my visit to this lodge. W. Bro. Rutherford, the ruling Master, presided and opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. There was no other work, as the candidate was unable to be present. The officers of Hawkesbury Lodge do their work well, and the membership generally are live and active Masons. Hawkesbury labours under the same disadvantages as do the lodges of St. John's, Plantagenet, and Alexandria—that of being located in a community where a large number of the population, although perhaps not openly hostile to Masonry, are certainly not in sympathy with our order. Therefore, these brethren deserve all the more credit for keeping the altar fires of Masonry burning so brightly.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall, May 1st. There was a large attendance at this meeting. The W. M., W. Bro. Hunter, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, assisted by the regular officers. W. Bro. Hunter is a very capable Master, and under his direction the business of the evening was done promptly and in a business-like manner. The opening and closing ceremonies were performed splendidly. R. W. Bro. Ridley, P.D.D.G.M. of Eastern District, is the Secretary of this lodge, and is not only a model Secretary, but is also an exceptionally well-skilled craftsman.

Cardinal Lodge, No. 491, Cardinal, May 10th. A fairly large number were present. W. Bro. G. A. Payne, the W. M., put on the first degree well and the second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Kingston in an excellent manner. R. W. Bro. Dr. Locke, my immediate predecessor as D.D.G.M.

of Eastern District, gave the charge in the first degree very impressively. The officers of Cardinal Lodge for the present year are certainly maintaining the reputation for accurate and impressive work which their lodge has always enjoyed.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester, June 21st. The W. M. of the lodge, Rev. Bro. Miller, presided at this meeting, which was fairly well attended. The work for the evening was an initiation, which was splendidly done. W. Bro. Miller did his portion of the work deliberately, and his splendid elocution helped to make the degree very impressive. The Junior Warden's lecture was given very creditably.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville. I had planned to visit this, my mother lodge, at the regular meeting in June, and to confer the third degree with all the chairs filled by Past Grand Lodge officers. Practically all the P.D.D.G.Ms. and other P.G.L. officers in the district had very kindly promised to assist, and the brethren of Farran's Point Lodge were planning to make the event a memorable one. On May 24th, however, I received the sad news that my dear brother, Pte. Harold C. Shaver, who was a member of Farran's Point Lodge, had been killed in action in France on May 19th, so I cancelled all arrangements which were being made for my visit. However, I have attended nearly all the regular meetings of my own lodge during the past year and have no hesitation in reporting that the W. M., W. Bro. Bryan, and the other officers of the lodge are zealous and efficient. The brethren of No. 256 have loyally supported me during my term as D.D.G.M. They have accompanied me frequently on my official visits and I am proud to be associated with them as fellow members of one of the strongest and most progressive lodges in the district.

I wish to express to the brethren of Eastern District my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the resolutions of sympathy passed by various lodges, and the many kindly messages sent to me by individual brethren on the occasion of the death of my

dear brother, Pte. Harold C. Shaver, a member of Farran's Point Lodge, who was murdered by the Huns in the bombing of the First Canadian Hospital at Etaples, France, on the night of May 19th. When one is passing through the deep waters of sorrow, as so many millions are at the present time, it is a very real comfort to know that one has not only the sympathy but also the prayers of his brethren of the craft.

I bid farewell to the office which I have filled for the past year, with the realization that I have made mistakes and have not taken advantage of all my opportunities to advance the best interests of the craft. However, I hope that the brethren will remember me as one who did his best. I trust that I shall have many opportunities in the future of meeting the host of splendid brethren with whom I have become acquainted during the year, and that in the years to come Masonry will continue to thrive and flourish within the borders of Eastern District.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK T. SHAVER, D.D.G.M.,

Eastern District No. 21.

TEMISCAMING DISTRICT No. 22.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Temiscaming District, No. 22, for the year 1917-18.

The pleasure is the greater, being as it has been my privilege to represent this young district in the second year of its existence.

Early in the year I appointed W. Bro. J. H. Brown, of Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, as District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. J. MacDonald, of Englehart Lodge, No. 534, as District Chaplain.

Though as yet small from a numerical Masonic standpoint, this district is very large, not only as to area, but also in the possibilities for the future. The high standard of Masonry now existing in all parts of the district, together with great possibilities of development, will, I believe, make this in a few years time one of the banner districts.

My thanks are particularly due R. W. Bros. McAulay, Haentschell and Haynes, who have very willingly and ably assisted me at all times. To these distinguished brethren must be very largely credited the high degree of proficiency which exists in Masonry in this district at the present time.

Generally speaking, the Past Masters are also of the type that is necessary to propagate Masonry in the manner it should be. At no meeting in the carrying out of my official duties was I accompanied by less than one Past D.D.G.M. and a number of Past Masters; and at two different meetings there were present as many as sixteen Past Masters.

This is noteworthy in view of the fact that there are only nine lodges in the district, which is 150 miles in length, and four of these lodges have either none, or only one, Past Master.

The total membership aggregates almost one thousand, and of this, about 20 per cent. are serving King and country.

The year has been one of harmony and progress. In all the lodges there is a genuine desire to perform the work according to the regulations laid down by Grand Lodge, and a sincere wish to make Masons—not members.

I paid several unofficial visits during the year in the endeavour to keep in close touch with the various lodges and their members, and at all times found a very high degree of proficiency existing.

Official Visits and Acts.

On September 24th, at the request of, and on instructions received from the M. W. the Grand Master, I consecrated Englehart Lodge, No. 534, installed its officers, and afterwards dedicated the lodge to Masonry. In these ceremonies I was assisted by a number of eminent Masons of the district, the detail of which I have already communicated to Grand Lodge.

On January 18th, under the same authority, I instituted Abitibi Lodge, at Iroquois Falls, the details of which I have also communicated to Grand Lodge.

On April 10th I visited Golden Beaver Lodge, No. 528, at Timmins. W. Bro. George Vary and officers conferred the first degree in a commendable manner. The attendance was good and their books found to be in good shape. Their appointments are good, and their lodge room, which they own, attractive. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition and has a good future.

On April 12th I visited Cochrane Lodge, No. 530, Cochrane. W. Bro. Carter and officers filled the chairs and exemplified the first degree. The work was fairly well done. This lodge has been greatly handicapped, as a result of a number of their most valued officers removing from town. This town has twice suffered from disastrous fires,

the lodge records being destroyed during the last fire. The prospects of this lodge now look brighter than they have for some time.

Englehart Lodge, No. 534, was visited on April 22nd. W. Bro. James Paterson and officers conferred the third degree in a very becoming manner. Their appointments are good and their books are in good shape. This lodge is well deserving of the recognition of Grand Lodge in the granting of their warrant. The prospects are good.

Haileybury Lodge, No. 485, Haileybury, was visited on May 2nd, and W. Bro. Dunnett and officers conferred the first degree in a very commendable manner. Haileybury Lodge has always been noted for its proficient work and this was no exception. Their appointments are exceedingly good and everything in good order. The prospects of this lodge are of the best.

I visited Silver Lodge, No. 486, Cobalt, on May 6th. W. Bro. Roy Devlin and officers occupied the chairs in a manner characteristic of Silver Lodge. The work was the exemplification of the first degree, which was splendidly done. The brethren of Silver Lodge are justly proud of their lodge room and building, which they own. Their appointments and books are good.

On October 17th, I visited this lodge unofficially. On this occasion, R. W. Bro. Byrnes, Grand Chaplain, formerly of Cobalt, and now of North Bay, and R. W. Bro. D. MacLeod, of Cobalt Lodge, were presented with their regalia. Several eminent Masons from North Bay accompanied R. W. Bro. Byrnes and the affair was a very delightful one. R. W. Bro. Byrnes was the first Master of Cobalt Lodge.

Elk Lake Lodge, No. 507, Elk Lake, was visited on May 10th. W. Bro. Murray Kennedy and officers conferred the third degree in excellent form. The members of this lodge are scattered and as a result it has been difficult to have good attendance. The resident brethren have worked together well and are to be complimented for the

splendid manner in which they have brought their lodge through trying times. Prospects look brighter for the future.

Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard, was visited on May 16th. W. Bro. W. G. Armstrong and officers conferred the third degree. This being my home lodge, I wished to be particularly observant and severe in my criticisms. The work was done exceedingly well. This is the oldest lodge in the district and still ranks among the best. The books are in excellent form and the prospects bright.

I visited Porcupine Lodge, No. 506, Porcupine, on June 6th. W. Bro. Sullivan and officers conferred the first degree. Their work was well done. This lodge is greatly handicapped owing to its location. The lodge was located here during the boom days, but since then the town has practically disappeared. Application was made to Grand Lodge over a year ago to have the building and lodge moved to South Porcupine, three miles distant, and, while granted, has not been acted upon. The high cost and scarcity of labour are the principal reasons but I would like to see it done in the near future, as the lodge is almost entirely out of debt and I believe can afford it. They have a fine building and attractive lodge room, which is well furnished. If moved in the near future, I would say that the future is bright, otherwise it will cease to exist, as present conditions are very much against it.

Abitibi Lodge, the youngest lodge of the district, was visited on June 7th. W. Bro. Ebbitt and his officers conferred the first degree in an exceedingly fine manner. This is one of the best equipped lodges in the district and, while only instituted on January 18th, their work is being done in a manner second to none in the district. The lodge is particularly fortunate in having a very capable and efficient set of officers, many of whom have held offices in other lodges. The town of Iroquois Falls is the site of one of the largest wood and

paper industries on the continent, so that I have no doubt as to the stability of this lodge. The attendance was large and the vim and enthusiasm displayed augurs well for the future. I very strongly recommend that this lodge be given its warrant.

Before closing, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation of the valuable assistance given me by the Past D.D.G.Ms. and Past Masters of the district. The year has been one of great pleasure, and with the great number of eminent and enthusiastic Masons residing in this portion of the Grand Lodge jurisdiction, that there are, I feel quite satisfied that Masonry has a good future in the 22nd district.

Fraternally submitted,

H. W. SUTCLIFFE, D.D.G.M.,

Temiscaming District No. 22.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Temiscaming District No. 22, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd	Meet's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'r's	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year		Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.									M. M.	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total	Aver. atten'ce of members
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	170	14		16	12	11	1	1	5					
485	Haileybury	Haileybury	166	9		10	10	7	3	3	5	2				
486	Silver	Cobalt	214	12		15	16	14	1	1	1					
506	Porcupine	Porcupine	123	2		6	4	3		4						
507	Elk Lake	Elk Lake	80	2		4	4	3								
528	Golden Beaver	Timmins	88	18	4	14	10	5	4	2	3					
530	Cochrane	Cochrane	58	11		7	3	1	4							
534	Englehart	Englehart	47	14		11	7	8	3							
540	Abitibi	Troquois Falls	49	25		23	17	7	2							

BRANT DISTRICT No. 23.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Brant District, No. 23, for the Masonic year 1917-18, I do so with very great pleasure, from the fact that during the year (the second in the existence of this district) peace and harmony have, I believe, prevailed in every lodge; there has been a marked increase in membership, that increase consisting of the very best citizens in the district; the work of the lodge room has been uniformly well done; and all the lodges are manned by officers who are enthusiastic Masons and capable of performing their duties correctly.

From these facts I have no hesitation in reporting that our new district is in a good healthy condition masonically and will compare favourably with any other district under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

To mark the commencement of another Masonic year, as well as celebrate the renovation of their Masonic temple, the lodges of Brantford held a reception for all the lodges of the district, which was an immense success, over 350 Masons being in attendance. The occasion was taken advantage of to present the official regalia to the D.D.G.M., and I, personally, feel deeply grateful to the brethren of Brantford for this early opportunity of meeting a great many of the officers and members of our district, and for the perfecting the bond of union and fellowship, which should exist in every district.

Before referring to my official visits in detail, I wish to express my appreciation of the uniform cordiality with which I was received, and my reception by the brethren rendered my duties a very great pleasure, instead of a task. The uniformly good work done rendered criticism needless and I

chiefly confined myself to impressing on the brethren the necessity of exemplifying in their daily lives the grand principles upon which our order is founded.

Official Visits.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville, September 27th, 1917. I paid my first official visit in the district to this lodge. A fair attendance of members were present. Owing to the candidate being suddenly called to other duties, no degree was conferred, but the officers opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees in a creditable manner, and from the spirit manifested by the officers and members I am sure that Hiram Lodge has bright prospects for the future.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford, October 24th, 1917. A very good attendance of the members. The first degree was exemplified by the officers and the work was done in a very correct and impressive manner. This lodge still retains its proud record and one well worthy of imitation, of all dues being paid up to date.

Onondaga Lodge, No. 519, Onondaga, October 26th, 1917. Rain again accompanied me on my visit, but notwithstanding, there was a very good attendance of members. The officers conferred the second degree and did the work in a very creditable manner.

Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland, October 29th, 1917. The attendance surprised me, many members coming from several miles in the country. The officers conferred the Fellowcraft degree on two candidates in a very impressive manner.

St. George Lodge, No. 243, St. George, November 20th, 1917. A good attendance of members. The officers exemplified the third degree in their usual impressive manner, and the prospects of St. George are bright. I also accompanied R. W. Bro. Smiley on a visit to this lodge, December 20th, and assisted him to install the new officers.

Lynden Lodge, No. 505, Lynden, December 27th, 1917. A large attendance of members. At

the invitation of the W. M. I conducted the ceremony of the installation of the new officers, and I believe that these officers will be a credit to the lodge, and will have a very successful year.

Ozias Lodge, No. 508, Brantford; Reba Lodge, No. 515, Brantford; January 15th, 1918. These lodges very kindly united on the occasion of my visit and a goodly number of the members were present. The officers of each lodge exemplified the first degree and did the work in such a manner as to make any criticism needless. These young lodges are certainly a credit to Brantford.

Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford, January 23rd, 1918. Installation of the new officers. The attendance of members was not as large as might have been expected.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis, January 25th, 1918. The attendance of members was very good. Two candidates received the first degree and the work was well and correctly done.

St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris, February 12th, 1918. My visit to my home lodge was made memorable by the fact that we were honoured by the presence of the M. W. Bro. Wardrope, the Grand Master, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Logan, of St. John's Lodge, Hamilton. We were also favoured by a visit of a large delegation of the Masters and Past Masters of the Brantford lodges. The officers conferred the second degree and, as usual, the work was done in a very correct and impressive manner. This lodge has had a very prosperous year, twenty new members being received and these the best manhood of the town and surrounding country.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga, February 28th, 1918. I thoroughly enjoyed this, my first visit to Cayuga. There was a very fair attendance of members and the first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. This is the oldest Lodge in the District and its prospects for the future are bright.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford, March 12th, 1918. I had the pleasure of paying Brant Lodge a fraternal visit on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Master in November. Any official visit to Brant Lodge is always one of pleasure, as the work is always so uniformly well and correctly done that no criticism is ever needed; and this evening their exemplification of the first degree but sustained their reputation.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, March 15th, 1918. There was a very large attendance of members, many of them P. Masters, and the conferring of the first degree by the officers, with musical ritual by the Brantford Masonic choir was a ceremony that impressed all present and must have given the candidate a most favourable idea of the solemnity of our ceremonies and the stability of our principles.

Before closing my report I wish to express my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me in my election to this office, and again to return thanks for my courteous reception and for the assistance rendered me in the performance of my duties.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM J. LOGIE, D.D.G.M.,

Brant District No. 23.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Brant District No. 23, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem-ber-ship		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'ts	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance				
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.						F. C.	M. M.	Regular										Emergent	Total		
35	St. John's	Cayuga	91	3	4	3	2	2	4	4	2	10	10	12	25	154	50	Dec.	31	1917	Good	Yes	500 00				
45	Brant	Brantford	361	17	1	19	20	22	2	4	2	5	11	9	20	43	340	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	3000 00			
82	St. John's	Paris	138	23	1	21	19	23	2	2	2	1	12	22	34	27	100	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	350 00			
106	Burford	Burford	89	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	20	200	00	Dec.	27	1917	Fair	Yes	1800 00			
113	Wilson	Waterford	156	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	20	200	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	650 00			
121	Doric	Brantford	529	16	32	33	27	5	4	3	11	11	11	13	24	87	702	30	22	178	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	5000 00
193	Scotland	Scotland	93	5	1	5	4	1	1	3	2	12	12	23	5	15	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	450 00				
243	St. George	St. George	80	9	5	8	7	1	9	2	13	7	20	17	100	00	1	7	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	600 00		
319	Hiram	Hagersville	112	25	2	16	16	13	2	3	2	13	4	16	20	10	00	5	21	00	Dec.	28	1917	Good	Yes	400 00	
329	Kg Solomon	Jarvis	72	11	3	9	9	6	2	3	3	14	4	16	25	00	11	125	00	Dec.	27	1917	Fair	Yes	300 00		
505	Lynden	Lynden	74	7	1	7	7	5	1	1	1	14	4	16	21	59	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	300 00				
508	Ozias	Brantford	68	12	11	7	5	1	1	1	1	11	11	25	69	00	3	30	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	joint		
515	Reba	Brantford	149	31	29	25	34	1	1	1	1	11	18	29	40	65	75	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	175 00				
519	Onondaga	Onondaga	49	2	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	10	1	11	10	00	11	36	00	Dec.	23	1917	Good	Yes	175 00		

BRUCE DISTRICT No. 24.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour herewith to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Twenty-fourth Masonic District, for the year just closed.

In doing so I desire to express my appreciation of the honour done me by the brethren of the district in electing me unanimously to this responsible position. I entered upon my duties not without many misgivings on my part, but the brethren, one and all, have given me such assistance in the work that I am led to believe that my term of office has been more successful than I could have hoped for.

I appointed W. Bro. S. E. Foster, of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, District Secretary, and he has rendered me most valuable assistance during the year.

Condition Generally.

The condition, generally, throughout the district, with the exception of one lodge, is bright and prosperous. Peace and harmony prevail. Large numbers are being added to our ranks. There are very few officers not proficient in their work, and I have not been called upon to settle any differences during my term of office. I have visited all the lodges in the district once, and in some instances oftener, and I have in every instance been received in the most kindly and fraternal manner: and I have the best reasons for believing that these visits have been productive of much good.

The various Secretaries have been prompt and punctual in sending their summons for the regular and emergent meetings and have freely opened their books for my inspection. I am pleased to report that their minute books and accounts are invariably kept in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge. The finances of the lodges are carefully

looked after. The majority keep their accounts in some chartered bank and make payments by cheque—a most commendable practice.

June 3rd I held a Lodge of Instruction at Chesley, under dispensation granted to Forest Lodge, No. 393. The district was well represented, there being about one hundred present. The lodge was opened at 2.15 p.m. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. James Bruce and officers of Harriston Lodge, No. 262, and was done with the precision and accuracy for which this lodge is noted. The second degree was done in a faultless manner by W. Bro. J. R. Jones and officers of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, of Walkerton, and reflected very great credit on the brethren who participated. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Blue and officers of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton. This degree was put on in such a manner as to call forth great praise from the brethren of the district. In fact, all the brethren who took part in the work at the lodge of instruction acquitted themselves in such a manner as to call forth little or no criticism, which was opened by R. W. Bro. W. J. Loughleen, and followed by several members, from which I feel sure great benefit will be derived.

Official Visits.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover, January 25th, 1918. There was a good turnout. The work of conferring the first degree was very creditably done by the W. M., W. R. Laidlaw and his officers. The lodge appears to be in a flourishing condition.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton. I visited this lodge on the 12th of February. There was a good attendance. The second degree was exemplified by W. M. Bro. J. R. Jones and officers. The W. M's. work was excellent and the candidate was well prepared. The supporting officers were thorough in their work and I highly commended the work done. The Secretary reports a healthy treasury. I was well pleased with the condition of Masonry in Saugeen Lodge.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford. February 18th, I made my official visit to this lodge. There was a good turnout. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. Geo. Robb. Bro. Robb is a Past Master of the lodge.. The third degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, but by Past Masters. One of the strong features of this lodge is the number of its Past Masters, who keep in touch with the work of the lodge and by their presence give encouragement to the younger members, Although a small place yet, the prospects of Masonry are very bright.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston. My visit was made on March 11th. I am more than pleased to testify to the encouraging state of affairs in Harriston Lodge. W. Bro. Bruce, the genial and energetic Master who presided, is going to make an efficient Master and the lodge is bound to have much success under his guidance. The first degree was well worked by the officers of the lodge. They have a well appointed and suitably decorated lodge room and are to be congratulated on their Masonic home. There was a splendid attendance.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429. My visit was made to this lodge March 21st. An excellent lodge with a good reputation and many active brethren, but the lodge has not made much progress this past year. Unfortunately, there is some lack of harmony among the brethren, but I hope with time and patience harmony may return. The brethren have a comfortable and well furnished lodge room, and their finances are in good condition.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley. This lodge was visited officially at their regular meeting on March 22nd. There was a splendid turnout of the members. The excellent work of the officers was much enhanced by the beauty of the room and the convenience and fitness of its appointments. The work was well done and had the merit of being uniformly satisfactory, down to the lowest officer.

The lodge is to be congratulated on having such a well skilled Master in the person of W. Bro. Thos.

Muir. The books of the lodge are very neatly and correctly kept by W. Bro. Putnam, one of the model Secretaries of the district.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Warton. I visited this lodge officially on March 26th. I was sorry to find the W. M. elect unavoidably absent, he having removed from Warton a few days prior to my visit, but the duties were ably performed by the immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Blue. They have a fine large lodge room, beautifully lighted and well furnished. The work of the evening was a Raising, which was done in an able and impressive manner by W. Bro. Blue, assisted by R. W. Bro. Sawyer. The floor work was well done. With such an array of distinguished Past Masters and P.D.D.G.Ms. as are to be found in the East in Cedar Lodge, we look for the work to be nearly perfect, and it is.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: On April the 2nd I made my official visit. This is the oldest lodge in the district and is favoured with a long list of very efficient Past Masters who take a very active interest in the work and in the welfare of St. Lawrence Lodge. The work of the evening was one first and two second degrees. The W. M., R. B. Hillmer, and officers performed the work in a manner that would reflect credit on any lodge. The books of the lodge are in good shape and great credit is due to the very efficient Secretary.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley. My visit to this lodge was made on Tuesday, April 23rd. There was a good turnout of the brethren. The third degree was conferred in a masterly manner by the W. M., Bro. Fisher, assisted by his able staff of officers. In W. Bro. Wm. Benedict this lodge has an energetic and capable Secretary, and I am satisfied that as long as he retains office the duties will be discharged in a competent manner. W. Bro. Fisher is a thorough and painstaking Master and the lodge cannot fail to progress under his direction. The dues are well paid up and the lodge is prosperous.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth. I visited this lodge April 30th and was pleased to see so many of the members present, which speaks well for the active interest taken in Masonry in this lodge. The third degree was exemplified by the W. M., Bro. J. Seaman and officers in a manner that left little room for criticism. I found the books well kept by their very able Secretary, Bro. E. M. Good. Their rooms are comfortable and well furnished, and although not strong numerically, their's, in my opinion, is a case of quality rather than quantity.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara. I visited this, my mother lodge, 20th May. There was a splendid attendance to receive me, about one hundred being present. The work presented was the first degree, which was impressively rendered by W. Bro. E. J. Madill and his officers. Knowing, as I do, that the work is always well done in this lodge, I think that W. Bro. Madill and the brethren excelled themselves on this occasion.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431. On May 31st I paid my official visit to this lodge. W. M. J. B. Chisholm opened and closed in the three degrees. The evening being very warm and very uncomfortable in the lodge room, no further work was attempted. The reception of the District Officer is most fraternal in this lodge. Grand Lodge may rest assured that the best interests of the craft will be well looked after, so far as Moravian Lodge is concerned.

In conclusion, I desire once more to convey to the brethren generally, my warmest appreciation of the great honour done me in July last, also of the many kindnesses extended to me. The small service that I may have rendered to the craft has been much more than repaid by the unvarying kindness and the overwhelming hospitality with which I have been received.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. A. McDONALD, D.D.G.M.,

Bruce District No. 24.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Bruce District No. 24, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	Members	Degr's Conf'd	Meet's held		Suspensions, N. P. D.		Suspensions, other causes		Meet's held		Amount paid for relief		No. mem. 12 m'ths in arrears	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance
								Total	Emergent	Regular	Deceased	Resignations	Restorations	Affiliations	Aver. attendance of members	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arrears	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance		
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	86	3	4	4	F. A.	9	3	12	22	20	00	3	15	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
197	Snuggen	Walkerton	84	6	3	4	F. A.	13	1	14	25	20	00	9	50	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
235	Aldworth	Paisley	96	1	5	5	F. A.	11	1	12	19	15	00	4	28	00	June	21	1917	Good	Good	Yes	3000 00	
262	Harriston	Harriston	95	5	3	3	F. A.	4	1	15	28	15	00	4	30	00	Jan.	1	1918	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
315	Clifford	Clifford	56	3	4	6	F. A.	1	1	2	3	15	25	00	6	30	00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	on fr't
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	62	7	5	4	F. A.	2	2	14	15	50	00	10	47	00	June	27	1918	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
393	Forest	Chesley	72	1	4	5	F. A.	1	1	1	13	27	50	5	27	50	June	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
396	Cedar	Warton	140	1	7	9	F. A.	1	1	1	15	16	14	8	54	50	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	700 00	
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	55	1	6	1	F. A.	12	1	1	15	12	10	00	35	00	June	21	1917	Fair	Fair	Yes	on fr't	
431	Moravian	Cargill	51	1	6	1	F. A.	1	1	1	10	11	12	10	35	00	Dec.	27	1917	Fair	Fair	Yes	None	
432	Hanover	Hanover	76	6	2	2	F. A.	1	1	1	11	12	5	00	52	35	Dec.	31	1917	Fair	Fair	Yes	600 00	
436	Burns	Hepworth	42	3	3	3	F. A.	1	1	1	12	3	15	12	5	00	10	52	35	Dec.	31	1917	Good	600 00

GREY DISTRICT No. 25.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with pleasure I present for your consideration and approval a very brief review of Masonry in District No. 25, for the year just closed. In doing so I desire in the first place to record my appreciation of the honour of my election as D.D. G.M. of the district. It was with fear and trembling, lest I should fail, that I entered upon the discharge of my duty, but now that my tenure of office draws to a close, I look back with great pleasure upon it all, as I recall the very great kindness with which I have been received everywhere. I have tried honestly always to encourage and help the officers and members of the various lodges and I have reason to believe my effort has not been entirely unsuccessful. Upon my election I named Bro. A. A. Parks, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. Canon Ardill, District Chaplain, both of whom have been faithful in the discharge of their several duties.

Official Visits.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley. My first official visit was made to this lodge on the evening of February 18th. I found the spirit good and the lodge doing good work in the face of the fact that, in common with several of the lodges in the district, Scott Lodge has suffered severely by the removal of its members to other parts. The officers exemplified in a very pleasing and satisfactory manner the second degree.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur. I visited with the brethren of Arthur on the evening of February 19th and was most hospitably received. The second degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner. This lodge has a large number of its members serving overseas and consequently we did not expect as large an attendance as would have been possible under normal conditions.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound. These lodges I visited together by mutual arrangement on the evening of February 20th. North Star being my mother lodge, I invited R. W. Bro. Jas. McDonald of Tara, D.D.G.M. of Bruce District No. 24, to visit with me. The officers of North Star initiated a promising candidate in a most capable manner and the officers of St. George's Lodge raised one of their members in a perfect manner. Both of these lodges are strong and growing.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest. I visited this lodge on the 22nd of February and received a very hearty welcome. Masonry is in safe hands in Mount Forest. The atmosphere in the lodge room was dignified and the second degree was exemplified in a very creditable way by the W. M. and other officers.

Durham Lodge, No. 306. On the 12th of Mar. I had the opportunity of visiting with the brethren in Durham. The attendance was not large, but the spirit appears to be good and a promising candidate was initiated in a satisfactory way.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin. I visited this lodge on the 25th of March. This is another of the lodges of this district that has suffered severely by removals. Only because of the loyalty of a number of Past Masters is the work kept up to any degree of efficiency. A very pleasant and helpful evening was spent with the brethren in Erin.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville. It was my distinct privilege to visit this lodge on the 26th of March. I found the lodge very much alive and the membership in a most healthy and satisfactory condition. In conjunction with my official visit, I held a Lodge of Instruction for the district. Quite early after my election I had commenced making arrangements for this Lodge and was enthusiastically supported and assisted by the officers of Harris Lodge, to whom in large measure credit is due for the complete success of every detail of the communication. I invited the M. W., Bro. W. H.

Wardrope, Grand Master, to be preesent, particularly for the evening in the third and fourth degrees, and his presence during both sessions, afternoon and evening, was a very great source of pleasure to us all. His suggestions were most helpful always and his address at the banquet will long be remembered by every brother who was fortunate enough to be present. The first degree was exemplified by the officers of Harris Lodge, the second by Lorne Lodge, and the third by North Star. In all the degrees valuable discussion followed.

Hiram Lodge, No. 490, Markdale. I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 30th. There was a fair attendance and the W. M. and officers put on the first degree with a real candidate in a very creditable manner. This lodge is in the unique but unfortunate position of not having a single Past Master living within its bounds. I trust we were successful in dropping a little encouragement where it is needed in Hiram Lodge.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne. It was arranged that I should visit this lodge on May 3rd, and the officers and members had made elaborate preparation, but owing to illness I was unable to meet my appointment. I am very pleased, however, to report that there was no loss to anyone but myself. I was able to induce R. W. Bro. David Rutherford to take my place and perform the duties of D.D.G.M., which he did most acceptably and efficiently. He reports the lodge doing splendid work and the true Masonic spirit prevailing.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449. This lodge was visited on May 20th and found to be in very encouraging condition. The work done, that of conferring the second degree, was quite creditable on the part of the W. M. and all the officers. The membership is not large but the members show real interest and capacity.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton. My last visit in the district was with this lodge on the evening of May 31st. Prince Arthur has always had a reputation as one of the progressive lodges,

and under the direction of W. Bro. Henry it still makes good. The attendance of members of the lodge was not large. A number are away, some overseas, others gone to other parts of the country. A real candidate of promise was initiated in a very creditable manner and afterwards the brethren entertained in a very generous manner.

In conclusion, I beg to say that I found the books of the lodges well kept by the Secretaries and the furniture and equipment in good order.

I desire only to add my sincere appreciation for all the help received from the brethren who so generously helped me on any way.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. McQUAKER, D.D.G.M.,

GREY DISTRICT No. 25.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Grey District No. 25, from June 24th, 1917, to June 24th, 1918.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'r's	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	F. A.	F. C.							M. M.												
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	186	4	8	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	4	12	5	17	23	40 00	12	100 00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	600 00
200	St. Albans'	Mt. Forest	82	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	10	2	12	14	4	21 00	June	1917	1917	Good	Yes	600 00	
216	Harris	Orangeville	176	13	6	5	5	7	1	2	3	1	1	9	5	14	23	55 00	1	21 60	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	600 00
271	Wellington	Erin	60	3	3	2	2	4	1	2	3	1	1	7	2	9	17	45 00	8	57 00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	None
306	Durham	Durham	68	5	5	5	5	2	2	5	7	2	13	8	21	18	20	175 00	20	175 00	Feb.	13	1918	Good	Yes	1200 00
322	North Star	Owen Sound	194	9	14	7	6	5	2	1	1	1	3	15	1	16	20	65 00	6	49 25	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	250 00
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	76	4	1	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	3	12	4	16	13	2 00	2	42 00	Dec.	27	1917	Good	Yes	250 00
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	62	6	7	4	2	2	2	4	3	1	11	3	14	15	10 00	3	13 50	Dec.	27	1917	Bright	Yes	500 00	
377	Lorne	Shelburne	91	7	1	5	4	5	3	3	3	1	12	5	17	18	25 00	12	40 50	Jan.	8	1918	Bright	No	500 00	
421	Scott	Grand Valley	86	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	8	7	13	13	25 00	12	40 50	Jan.	8	1918	Bright	No	500 00
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	39	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	9	2	11	7				Jan.	9	1918	Fair	No	650 00
490	Hiram	Markdale	39	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	9	2	11	7				Jan.	9	1918	Fair	No	650 00

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants:—

WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Warrants, beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee, having examined the various books and records, presented to them by lodges under dispensation, recommends that warrants be granted to the following:

Kitchener Lodge, Port McNicoll, No. 538.

Waterloo Lodge, Waterloo, No. 539.

Abitibi Lodge, Iroquois Falls, No. 540.

Tuscan Lodge, Toronto District No. 11, No. 541.

And that the dispensations granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to Metropolitan Lodge, Toronto District No. 11a, and Imperial Lodge, Toronto District No. 11b, be continued for another year.

A request has been preferred by the Worshipful Master of Kitchener Lodge, Port McNicoll, on behalf of his lodge, that the name Kitchener be changed to "Earl Kitchener." That this was the intention of the original petitioners for a Warrant, and that inadvertently the name was granted as "Kitchener." The request is supported by the D.D.G.M. of Georgian District No. 9.

Your Committee recommends the request be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. J. YOUNG,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, and resolved:

That the Report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented

the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. George S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance:—

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and have much pleasure in certifying that these have been found correct and in excellent order.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Total Revenue to May 31, 1918.....	\$85,344 70
Debentures matured and paid in, and interest.....	2,756 60
Total.....	<u>\$88,101 30</u>

Expenditure.

General Expenses.....	\$24,680 13
Benevolent grants.....	34,095 00
War loans and other debentures purchased.....	24,083 10
	<u>82,858 23</u>
Credit Balance.....	5,243 07
Cash in Bank of Commerce, May 31, 1917.....	4,335 54
Cash in Bank of Commerce, May 31, 1918.....	<u>\$ 9,578 61</u>

The funds of the Grand Lodge amounting to \$131,590.82 and the Semi-Centennial Funds, amounting to \$103,126.95, are invested in securities as per list in the Grand Treasurer's report.

The sums paid out by Grand Lodge for Benevolence during the year were as follows:

From General Fund.....	\$29,485 00
From Semi-Centennial Fund.....	4,610 00
Total.....	<u>\$34,095 00</u>

The year's operations show a credit balance of \$26,569.57. Out of this amount, \$21,326.50 was invested to the credit of Capital Account, leaving a balance of \$5,243.07. To this is added the credit balance at May 31, 1917, \$4,335.54, leaving a balance in the bank of \$9,578.61.

Your Committee have had placed before them the bonds of the Grand Secretary and of the Assistant to the Grand Secretary, for \$5,000 each in the U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co. These Bonds are in the keeping of the Grand Treasurer, and it is recommended that the Grand Master renew them on maturity, and that the premium be paid by Grand Lodge.

Your Committee recommend that on account of the increased cost of railway and hotel expenses, the additional sum of \$200 be granted for the coming year to the Inspector of Benevolent Grants.

Estimate of Receipts and Expenditures for the Year ending May 31, 1919.

Receipts:—

Fees, registration of initiation.....	\$12,500 00
Fees, registration of affiliations.....	300 00
Dues.....	60,000 00
Certificates.....	150 00
Constitutions and ceremonies.....	1,300 00
Dispensations.....	550 00
Commutation of dues.....	1,500 00
Warrants.....	50 00
Miscellaneous.....	850 00
Interest on investments.....	6,250 00
Musical Ritual.....	400 00
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	\$83,850 00
Interest on Semi-Centennial Fund	4,900 00
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	\$88,750 00

Expenditures:—

Salary of Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 200 00
Salary of Grand Secretary.....	3,000 00
Salary of Auditor.....	400 00
Salaries of Staff.....	3,600 00
Printing and Stationery.....	7,500 00
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's office.....	900 00
Certificates and Warrants.....	1,000 00
Insurance.....	90 00
Safety Deposit Box rental.....	40 00
Office Rent and Heating.....	1,000 00
Telephone Service	60 00
Postage on Proceedings.....	200 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Windsor.....	1,600 00
Expenses of Commissions and Delegations.....	50 00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants.....	1,200 00
Allowance of Expenses of Grand Master.....	800 00
Stenographer for Grand Master.....	100 00
Postage of D. G. M. and Chairman of Committees	40 00
Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence.....	250 00
Masonic Relief Association.....	320 00
Miscellaneous.....	300 00
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	\$22,650 00

Grants for Benevolence:—

Total expenditure on General Account and

Semi-Centennial Fund.....	43,125 00
	<u>\$65,775 00</u>
Balance.....	<u>\$22,975 00</u>

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE S. MAY,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and resolved:

That the Report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence:—

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report as follows:

Since the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence has, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, made interim grants to applicants amounting to the sum of \$1,750.00.

Additional grants have been made from the interest on the investment of the Semi-Centennial Fund, amounting to the sum of \$550.00.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, recommends that the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada be continued.

Four hundred and seventy-seven applications were received and disposed of as follows:

233 granted through local boards, amounting to \$17,240.00
243 granted through lodges, amounting to..... 19,100.00
1 application was declined.

Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge:—

Miss Mary Wilson.....	\$300.00	
Miss M. H. Harris.....	75.00	
		<u>375 00</u>

Total amount of grants from the General Fund.... 36,715 00

Total amount of interim grants from the General Fund.....	1,750 00
Additional grants from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund	550 00
Grants recommended from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund at this Annual Communication.....	4,110 00
Total.....	<u>\$43,125 00</u>

The grants made by the lodges during the year, as shown by the reports of the D.D.G.Ms., amount to about \$18,000.00.

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 7 on Benevolence, cheques for grants made through the following local boards of relief and the lodges will be withheld until proper returns have been received by the Grand Secretary, showing the disposal of last year's grants, namely:

Local Boards: None.

Lodges: 2, 7, 17, 29, 32, 41, 55, 56, 84, 85, 87, 90, 91, 105, 120, 153, 229, 238, 254, 266, 272, 274, 279, 282, 290, 295, 300, 303, 344, 356, 358, 405, 408, 411, 472, 478, 484, 487, 498.

Your Board, through this Committee, further recommends that to meet the increase in railway rates and in the cost of hotel accommodation the allowance made to the inspector of Benevolent Grants be increased by the sum of two hundred dollars.

Your Board, through this Committee recommends that the report of the Inspector of Benevolent Grants be printed as an appendix to this report.

The members of the Committee also desire to express their sorrow and regret on account of the great loss sustained by the craft in the death of M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson.

The grand Masonic principle of benevolence was a great feature in his character, and made it great in the gifts he bestowed and the spirit in which they were given. The desire to be generous was with him to be generous, and his generosity flowed as a fountain from his kindly heart, and to those whom it touched it was not a degradation but a blessing. While his benevolence was general in its character his heart went out particularly to suffering little children and the Hospital for Sick Children, open night and day free to a Mason's child, stands today in his beloved city as a monument of his munificence, rich in its architecture, perfect in its appointments, and grandly suited for the relief of suffering little ones.

Doubtless his name is written in the Book of Divine Remembrance, with the words of the Supreme Giver of all,

"INASMUCH AS YE DID IT UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, MY BRETHREN, YE DID IT UNTO ME."

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. A. MACFADDEN,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden and resolved:—

That the Report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

APPENDIX TO THE REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

W. H. Wardrope, Esq.,

Grand Master, Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I herewith present my report as Inspector of benevolent grants for the year 1917.

There were 471 applications considered by the Committee, 221 from Local Boards and 250 from private lodges. 337 were for widows, 105 for brethren, 23 for orphans, 4 for wives, one for a sister and one for a mother.

The 221 applications from local boards were disposed of as follows:

2 widows received grants of \$20 each, 5 for \$30 each, 10 for \$40 each, 15 for \$50 each, 56 for \$60 each, 1 for \$70, 32 for \$80 each, 30 for \$100 each, 8 were rejected, 3 died, 1 got married and one was reduced from \$100 to \$50, 2 brethren received grants for \$250 each, 17 for \$150 each, 13 for \$100 each, 1 for \$80, 4 for \$60 each, 1 for \$50, 1 for \$40, and 2 were rejected. 3 orphans received grants for \$80 each, 1 for \$100, 4 for \$60 each, 2 for 50 each, 1 for \$40, 1 was rejected and 1 died. 1 wife received a grant for \$80, 1 sister received a grant for \$80, 1 mother died.

The 250 applications received from private lodges were disposed of as follows:

1 widow received a grant for \$20, 2 for \$30 each, 9 for \$40 each, 17 for \$50 each, 64 for \$60 each, 1 for \$70, 23 for \$80 each, 29 for \$100 each, 21 were rejected, 2 died, 3 were reduced from \$60 to \$30, and 1 was reduced from \$100 to \$50. 1 brother received a grant for \$40, 2 for \$50 each, 5 for \$60 each, 1 for \$80, 21 for \$100 each, 18 for \$150 each, 2 for \$250 each, 9 were rejected, 4 died, and 1 was reduced

from \$150 to \$75. 1 orphan received a grant of \$40, 2 for \$50 each, 2 for \$60 each, 2 for \$80 each, 1 for \$100 and 1 was rejected, 1 wife received a grant for \$50, 2 for \$60 each, and 1 for \$80.

337 applications were made for widows of whom 302 received grants, 29 were rejected, 5 died and 1 got married. 105 applications were made for brethren, 89 received grants, 12 were rejected and 4 died. 22 applications were made for orphans, 19 received grants, 2 were rejected and 1 died. 5 wives and 1 sister received grants and 1 mother died.

In addition to the above, grants were made from the revenue of the Semi-Centennial Fund as follows:

18 widows received grants for \$50 each, 15 for \$40 each, and 1 for \$60. 15 brethren received grants for \$50 each, 10 for \$100 each, 3 for \$150 each, and 1 for \$80. 2 orphans received \$40 each, and 1 wife received a grant for \$40.

The applications include 133 who are over 70 years of age, 47 are between 70 and 75; 39 are between 76 and 80; 31 are between 81 and 85; 11 are between 86 and 90, and 5 are over 90.

The Committee ordered that a general inspection of all the applications be made this year; this has been done and a detailed statement of the circumstances of each case has been forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary.

Again I have to express regret that owing to the neglect or carelessness of some of the W. Ms. and Secretaries many of our beneficiaries have been compelled to wait for months before they could receive the first half of their grants.

In no less than fifty cases, widows and stricken brethren who are in every way worthy of relief, and many of whom, need it to provide for the necessities of life, would have been deprived of relief altogether if the Committee had not made grants, subject to the proper applications being sent in, and even after this had been done, it was with the utmost difficulty that the W. Ms. and Secretaries could be induced to comply with the regulations and send in the application as required.

No less than twenty-eight of our beneficiaries have reported to me that they have sons who are or have been fighting for the cause of freedom and democracy. Thirty-seven young men have gone overseas and their mothers not only have to struggle to make ends meet, but also have to suffer the anxiety of waiting day after day for news as to the welfare of their loved ones. Three of them have been killed and seven wounded or disabled. In six cases more than one son has gone, and in one, no less than five brothers have gone from one family.

Upwards of \$40,000 has been disbursed to aid the widow the stricken brother and the orphan. No words of mine

can give any adequate idea of what this statement really means. Grants have been made to 418 beneficiaries, many of whom would have suffered for want of the necessities of life were it not for the relief extended, and in other cases where the need was not so great, aid and comfort has been given and thus much suffering and anxiety has been prevented. We have not as yet been called upon to assist any of our brethren who have been disabled in the terrible war that has been going on for so long, but the call is coming. I have heard of several cases where substantial relief will be needed both for brethren and widows in the near future. While we will not neglect our old friends, we must give substantial aid to those of our brethren who have suffered the loss of health and in many cases, the means of earning a living, as well as the widows and orphans of those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

In conclusion, I desire to express my grateful thanks to the brethren for the kindness and courtesy extended to me and the assistance given to enable me to discharge my duties satisfactorily.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NIXON,

Inspector of Benevolent Grants.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. The Hon. Wm. D. McPherson, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:—

REPORT.

To the Right Worshipful, the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, begs to report as follows:

1. Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester, Ont., vs. W. Bro. Harry Cain, P.M. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge W. Bro. Cain was found guilty on a charge of embezzlement and it was decided to summon him to show cause at the present meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the craft for said offence. Notice was duly given to him but he has failed to appear or show any cause and your Committee now recommend that he be expelled from the craft for said offence.

2. Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal, Ont., Brothers H. and L. were duly initiated into Masonry by Warren Lodge on 27th January, 1917, and were passed to the sec-

ond degree by same lodge on 22nd January, 1918, in violation of Section 204 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge which provides that "No higher degree in Masonry shall be conferred on any brother at a shorter interval than four weeks from the date of his receiving a previous degree, except under dispensation from the Grand Master. . . ." No dispensation was obtained, and the Grand Secretary has demanded that Warren Lodge pay \$20.00 as for a dispensation in the case of each of the brethren and Warren Lodge has appealed to the Grand Master to remit the fee in each case on the ground of inadvertance, but your Committee cannot concur in the appeal and recommends that same be not granted.

3. Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph, Ont. Brothers J. and G. were duly initiated into Masonry by Guelph Lodge on the 29th March, 1916, and passed to the second degree by same lodge on 25th April, 1916, in violation of section 204 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge. Brother H. of the same lodge having been passed to the second degree on 29th March, 1916, was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason by the same lodge on 25th April, 1916, also in violation of said section 204. No dispensation was obtained for any of said degrees and the Grand Secretary has demanded that Guelph Lodge pay \$20.00 as for a dispensation in the case of each of such brethren and Guelph Lodge has appealed to the Grand Master to remit the fee in each case on the ground of inadvertance, but your committee cannot concur in the appeal and recommends that same be not granted.

4. Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, Ont., and Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy, Ont. In this case, Brother D., having been balloted for and accepted by Thistle Lodge was initiated into Masonry by that lodge on 9th February, 1915. In the meantime had removed to Strathroy and on 10th February, 1915, the Secretary of Thistle Lodge wrote to the Secretary of Beaver Lodge saying: "I have been instructed by the W. M. of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, to ask your lodge to work the second and third degrees on Bro. D., a former resident of Amherstburg, who was initiated into our lodge and who is now living in your city. We would be glad to do as much for Beaver Lodge No. 83 should an opportunity ever offer itself." In accordance with the request Beaver Lodge duly passed Bro. D. to the second degree at the regular meeting of Beaver Lodge on 3rd March, 1916. This degree was conferred without the grant of any dispensation as required by Section 204 of the Constitution and the Grand Secretary has demanded that Thistle Lodge pay \$20.00 as for a dispensation and Thistle Lodge has appealed for a remission thereof, but your Committee is of opinion that the irregularity was induced by the failure of Thistle Lodge to inform Beaver Lodge of the date of Bro. D's. initiation and, as he had been residing and carrying on business in Strathroy for about three months prior to the time the request was received from Thistle Lodge to pass and raise him, there is

some reasonable excuse on the part of Beaver Lodge for thinking that he had been initiated by Thistle Lodge prior to the time of his removal to Strathroy, and therefore recommend that the expense of procuring the dispensation be paid by Thistle Lodge. We are also of the opinion that the request by one lodge to another to confer a degree upon a brother should be by resolutions of the lodge—wherein the date of initiation and of the conferring of any other degree should be clearly set forth and that such request should be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary and be evidenced by the impression of the Lodge Seal and recommended accordingly.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WM. D. McPHERSON,

Windsor, July 16, 1918.

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by M. W. Bro. The Hon. Wm. D. McPherson, and resolved:

That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

Is the Condition of Masonry in Canada—Its status and its stature—sound, sure and satisfying? There can be but one answer if we are true to ourselves, and our opportunities, for we living men here assembled are the exponents and interpreters of our craft. We hold the working tools—we profess the precepts—we are the stewards of the mysteries. The spirit of the age is, of necessity, intensely practical—life is at high tension at the crisis of a nation's fate, and already the problems of reconstruction face us with a challenge to co-ordinated and co-operative action. Already beyond the zone of battles are new fields of activity. Our sternly fighting creed has distant goals but present purposes. Masonry is, when realized, an immense human force—not dry bones but vital members.

Let them not become ossified or inflexible. **We must deliver power.** We are no mere colourless "sons of inquisitiveness." We have a message, a mission and a ministry. We can bring to bear the great force for good in definite and directed and concertedly organized action, with heart true, faith high, spirit generous, aim sure, object practical, method efficient, without destroying the "fine flavour" of Masonry, or disintegrating the delicate filigree fibre of which part of its charm consists.

The story of the Craft is the search for light—but light in which to work—'ere the night cometh. To each man is given a day and his work for the day. While on our banner is blazoned the charter "each for all" and while in truest union we are the self-forgetful brotherhood, we must not be the world-forgetting brotherhood, if our condition is right. We must make duty a pleasure and a purposeful power and translate our patriotic sentiments into fruitful service and work worth while. Even the humble hod carrier can supply mortar for the Master Builder. We must show that while all the men in khaki (patient and chivalrous) are patriots, all the patriots are not necessarily in khaki. Can we as Masons **improve conditions?** How? Here are some suggestions for the brethren: Cut away all that is excessive; straighten all that is crooked; bring light to all that is shadowed; accept and vitalize the duties of the hour—do not cease to chisel your statue—make it glow with life—courageously and cheerfully achieve—be not reeds shaken with the wind—eliminate material waste and also the drones and parasites (of whom there are now, thank God, but few in Canada), combat disease of mind and body, the body politic as well as the body which is the temple—make for pure manhood for the sake of the future issue of the race apart from the moral issue; keep the fires lighted on the community altar; keep the anvils ringing, "ring out the false, ring in the true"—let the leaven work well through the lump; counteract mischievous propaganda; let wisdom be justified of her children and see that Masonry shall have completely justified herself in wisdom, strength and beauty. For

we are a society of men in a world of men joined to accomplish practical work and produce abundant fruitage in the world—in this year of grace and trial 1918, if we will. And all that, too, without losing the vision splendid, the magic of mystery, the congenial good fellowship, the genial philanthropy and philosophy of the sons of light. Are these conditions too onerous for the ideal and real condition of Masonry? Cumulatively, perhaps so—alternatively, not so. Let each fill his niche—each bear his individual share of the minor tasks but, what we have not done sufficiently in the past—let us CONCENTRATE and press on together to meet the greater and pending issues. We have passed the time of sanguine expectation, surely we have come to the period of fulfilment, we have nearly 70,000 strong men in this Province of Ontario! Let us beware lest we spend precious potential years of our life erecting tombstones over the graves of lost opportunities. Don't let us drift. There is a Pilot—a sail and a rudder. We have iron and fire and power—the hand can never go back on the dial of time. We must **will** to see, to see right—we must will to be one and act together. We must be steadfast, not stuck fast.

It will not do any more to be passively good or stupidly respectable—we must be splendidly aggressive. With loyalty to ideals, we want unity of ideas. When we call upon Masons for the highest patriotic citizenship—namely, public service, we call upon men, made Masons, with whom to do their bit is to do their **best**. Is not this a **reasonable** condition of Masonry, which appeals to us here in The Men's House, of one accord; anxious to be—if true to our teaching—diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving God, and through Him, God's noblest creation, our fellow men. Eternal vigilance and eternal struggle are not merely the price of safety and of liberty, but they alone can justify our existence as the Builders to whom the command went forth—Prepare the way—straighten the crooked paths, restore the waste places—'to do good and to communicate forget not.' Sir Jacob Astley was groping for the truth and light when, centuries ago,

he uttered the famous spontaneous prayer:

"Oh, Lord, thou knowest how busy I must be this day,
If I forget Thee; do Thou not forget me."

Many lands—one Empire—many veins—one heart—many lodges, one craft. **What of the Lodges** Each member out of lodge is responsible for the honour of his 'Mother.' His lodge accredits him to the universal brotherhood—free of the Craft—only while he "behaveth as becometh." Each lodge should be a laboratory—a mint from which the coin rings true. Lodges are like churches—especially the church militant of these days—they are, or should, be linked battalions—expansion with cohesion—autonomous units in association. Masonry is a great Bridge Builder, but also a great character Builder—like the shell, there is a conchology of character, a building within and without, and the calibre of a lodge may be judged from the composite photograph of its members. The Lodge Summons (and we commend that of the Beaches Lodge as unique and satisfying) is more than a mere notice of meeting. In these days of necessary thrift and conservation of resources, in these times that try men's souls and call for deeds as well as words of cheer, and for self denial, lodges are like other human organizations. See that each meeting has some central or stirring significance, some resultant reality of service or fruitage—**some corn, wine or oil**. All non-essential gatherings and functions and long expensive railway journeys should be eliminated. But with proper preparation—with the ammunition of the vital spark of the spirit, with a realization of crisis, no lodge meeting should be non-essential. But all will agree that the "proud prestige" of the Master in the mere making of members is **not** a vital essential. It has even been (some will say audaciously) suggested that if the war lasts on (drawing pitilessly from our reservoir of resource), that even Grand Lodge might be dispensed with in 1919 and that the Board of General Purposes might well be trusted with the administration of our affairs. There is much to be said on both sides but the suggestion has at least the merit of having if not parliamentary precedent, at least

parliamentary analogy, to recommend it. It is for Grand Lodge, the most democratic of legislative bodies to consider and determine. Men may come, and men may go, but Masonry goes on forever, while blood flows and water runs.

And what of the war?—our holy war—and its influence on all sorts and conditions of men and Masons! While it is true that a “common sorrow links us to face our foes tomorrow”; while it is true that the horrors of war coupled with the instincts of self-preservation and the pride of race, have drawn the ties of Empire (light as air, but strong as iron) more closely and firmly together—ashlar laid on ashlar, cemented by the blood of our best beloved—yet we must not blind our apprehension—we cannot blind our hearts (which are not adamant—, to the fact that war is a scourge, tragic in its very triumphs—as full of pathos and of pain as of pride—groans and gloom dulling even the glistening glory of the grandly and greatly heroic. Brother Masons, what of our sensitiveness of soul? Are we supersaturated with superlatives? With the pages of history smeared with blood and fire—with the daily journals reeking with horrors—the horrors of the Huns—possessed of the strength of a wild beast and the brains of a man! God grant that none of us come within this category, yet we must admit that to some the massacre and martyrdom and misery—the struggle and slaughter of men and women would seem to be but doubled-leaded news items, emotional episodes, fillips for thrills. Are we growing callous to the chronicles of anguish—indifferent to the epic of agony—hardened to the horrible, and even shallowly unsatisfied, save with the **supreme** of suffering or sacrifice. By this Rome fell—**absit omen**’

The other extremity (to be, perhaps, avoided through the sane and moderating processes of our stable and chastening art), is **VINDICTIVE HATE**—for which there is, indeed, mortal provocation; and we can, perhaps, understand what our sailors call the ghastly legacy of eternal hate, which the foul flag of Germany in her horrible,

abominable and murderous piracy on the high seas has created in the minds and hearts of the simple, gallant and honourable seamen of our race. For a decade no Hun will be carried on a British ship, and when peace and reparation come, Germany must replace **keel for keel**, though it take her years to do it. But the crimes and outrages are not confined to the sea, for during the past year the accusations have **been verified**; and the world's **verdict** against the German nation and army for desecrated graves, violated womanhood, tortures of prisoners, murder of innocents, devastation of homes, and sacrilegious profanation of God's Holy Temples, is **Guilty! Guilty!** Surely we must be stirred to the depths and utter the diapason of righteous, wrath surely we men must set our jaws with a sterner snap, surely we must **never forget**, and Masonic principles as well as law and justice, demand that these criminals of this outlaw and pariah among nations be executed for their crimes. Earth must never be allowed to groan under the disgrace of their existence.

Neither Christian love nor Masonic charity is a spineless, flabby, compromising virtue. Each detests evil incarnate, the false witness and the lying tongue, and condemns to death the three ruffians who would harness human souls to their war machine, who pursue with ferocity their colossal armed and ordered pillage and rapine, who are braggart bravos and brutal vaunting violators in victory, and whining cowards in defeat. To be a silent onlooker is to be a willing accomplice; to consort with them would be to yoke with Diabolus; to make peace with **this Awful Thing** unconquered, would be treason. Their victory would be a reversal to mediaevalism, our civilization would fall back to the condition of the jungle. And let us remember that **Canada is the stake**. This is a moment fraught with fate, so let us determine our wills and highly resolve that our dead shall not have died in vain, that we will support and strengthen to the end those war-worn and heroic soldiers who bear the brunt of the conflict, who are in jeopardy every hour, who die daily; who have written pages of

glorious history in indelible ink, and whose volumes of golden deeds are compressed into the records of the representative recipients of Royal honours to Officers, Nurses and Men, many of them our brothers, maintaining and surpassing the ancient qualities of the indomitable British race, as the wording of the V. C. award expresses it: "**For valour—for most conspicuous bravery, initiative and devotion to duty—for magnificent gallantry and self sacrifice beyond all praise.**" Surely they have the password of our forefathers.

And shall we for any obsolete operative doctrine of **physical perfection** (not an ancient landmark), debar these glorious men, on their return, maimed and wounded in our cause, from participation in our rites, from entry within our portals? Grand Lodge should consider this immediately. Our house is like the church—not made with hands—first, the natural and afterwards that which is spiritual. Freemasonry the freest of all methods of thought cannot be bound by unamendable rules of Medes and Persians. New occasions teach new duties; evolution is not revolution. Let us weigh ourselves in the balance with those who returning say with one "Keeper of the House" gone:

What can we do to match those men who stand today a wall of pulsing blood—of fearless hearts—between the savage lust of brutes unleashed and all that we hold dear? What can we give?

Do by the living wounded what their dead comrades—the Immortals—would have you do—Honour the Dead, but **Grand honours** for the living, too, for they bear the red badge of courage.

It has been well said that upon the complete and harmonious working of the **two great English speaking peoples**, the greatest Empire and the greatest Republic, now happily fighting together for the liberty of the world against the foes of freedom—rests not only our confidence in a victorious conclusion of this horrible war, but our assurance of peace and happiness in the years to come, after vindicating the cause for which we are fighting, by the courage and endurance of those patient and

chivalrous and happy warriors, American and British, now standing shoulder to shoulder, foot to foot, in one column of mutual defence and support. Their spirit of comradeship will endure long after the trumpets sound the paens of victorious peace. British, Canadian and American Masons have been drawn very close together during the past year and the interchange of fraternal visits has cemented friendship and confirmed mutual regard. Canadians have been especially honoured for the sake of those God-inspired and death-defying men, the spirit of whose unconquerable soul permeates, feeds, invigorates, vitalizes, unifies the Army Corps of Canadians, who for four long years have fought a good fight, have never budged, and have not yet finished their course. And for **ourselves** let us win goodwill by good faith, good fellowship, good words, and good works. In some countries Masonry is honoured **for** the enemies she has made, but in ours, for the friends.

No more noble appeal to community of spirit and of progress, to identification of aims and of interest, between American and British Masons has been uttered than that of Sir Alfred Robbins, Chairman of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Grand Lodge of the world, and we make no apology for reproducing a portion of it in this Report, as a source of inspiration to all men of good will, worthy to be perpetuated, and a subject of appreciative consideration in the Lodges during the year.

This address was partly inspired by Bro. J. Fort Newton, of Iowa, now Minister of the great City Temple, London—the Masonic Ambassador—and partly, perhaps, by the greeting of the “American Freemason,” which was in part as follows:

“Now the bonds of our brotherhood, of our common speech and like ideals, are immeasurably strengthened by devotion to a common cause and by the existence of a common danger.

“But more, as allied with them in thought and word and action, we give them greeting that has meaning deeper than possible to a time of peace.

"For the Masons of America, we speak in words of brotherly love, of faith in human good, of conviction that the cause of humanity will be triumphant. To the "Mother Grand Lodge, to all her daughters, Grand Bodies of all the world, and to all Masons, whithersoever dispersed, greeting and wishes for all good."

R. W. Bro. Robbins' reply is cultured, historic, elevating and appealing and "The Builder," on behalf of the United States, grips the outstretched right hand with heartfelt sincerity and enthusiasm.

The honoured Chairman of the Board wrote from London:

"Masonry"—it is laid down in the very first of the Ancient Charges of a Freemason, prefaced to the Book of Constitutions, a copy of which is placed in the hands of every English initiate—"is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

"No one, and especially today, will dispute these verities from of old; and in no direction have they been more persistently testified than in the relations of Anglo-American Freemasonry.

"Freedom to choose their own chiefs; freedom to work in order and regularity under those chiefs; freedom from overseas interference with their finance—these were the cornerstones of the Charter of Independence sent from England to American Masonry on June 5, 1730. They were not fully asked from England by American citizenship until July 4, 1776.

"A profound cause exists for this abiding alliance in spirit between Americans and British Freemasons. They alike hold in highest regard honourable obligation, moral responsibility and human freedom. The 'all men are created equal' of the Declaration of Independence is but to emphasize the demonstration by the Level that we have all sprung from the same stock, are partakers of the same nature, and sharers in the same hope. The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, directing that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting its free exercise, is in absolute accord with the First Article of the Antient Charges, which enjoins: 'Let a man's religion be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believes in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality.' And nothing more completely could consort with the theory and practice of American citizenship than the declaration of our Fourth Article: 'All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, or the craft despised.'"

These are of the fundamentals of Freemasonry, as known and practised by American and British brethren alike; and they never better deserved remembrance than in this hour of allied nationhood amid external strife. It is a time for the ideal to be a beacon-light to the real, not to discover divergence, but to cement union. "In things essential, unity; in things non-essential, diversity; in all things, charity." For two centuries, English and American Freemasons, standing side by side, have worked hand in hand. Rendering services, not of the lip, but of the life to the immortal truths—embodied in the principles of the craft—not wasting energy in mystical speculation, but bending strength to practical endeavour—the union of hearts existing throughout our common Masonic history should now lead to a union of hands. It is given to us of today to dissipate the belief of the by-gone that "Masonry has been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion." The nominal official relationships long established between the majority of the Grand Lodges of the United States and the United Grand Lodge of England should be extended to all, and in every case made more real. Let the distinguished brethren thus accredited on both sides of the Atlantic, act as Ambassadors, keeping each other's constant comradeship. Let means be devised for making us better acquainted with each other's ideas, each other's ways, for the first condition of true friendship is full knowledge. Development of the idea would demand time, entail trouble, necessitate thought. But the time, trouble and thought alike would be well expended to bring the craft in both countries into closer communion and surer touch.

If we adopted this as our ideal, means would be found to make it real. While statesmen strive to establish a League of Nations, let us set up, for ourselves and the brethren with whom we always in principle and practice have been allied, a League of Masons. Reverent recognition of The Eternal, resolute renouncement of the political—these are the foundation and cornerstone of our Masonic system. On so sure a base, a superstructure can be raised embracing, as in a house of many mansions, the vast Masonic family, independent as units, united as a whole. Britain and America, Australia and New Zealand, Canada and the Cape, India and the Isles beyond seas can dwell together under that roof. It may be but a vision, and yet even as a vision it inspires. That first Grand Original who stood upon Mount Pisgah could only see, could never enter, the Promised Land. Yet even the sight gladdened his failing eyes, after his long toilings to lead his people into the light.

In the pursuit of so high an endeavour, difficulties exist only to be dispersed; and never was it more true that where there is a will there is a way. Bound to each other by ties of common origin, identical ideals, and never broken friendship, American and British Freemasonry could render inestimable service, not only to the Brotherhood, but to mankind, by more intimacy of association and intensity of aim. What we have to do is at once to put ourselves to work

and discover whether by making the best use of Masonry, lasting good may not be gained from the present world-welter of war. It is a task worthy of the devotion of us all, and Masons on both sides of the Atlantic should worthily rise to so supreme an occasion. Then, even war will have its compensations. Out of the eater shall come forth meat, and out of the strong shall come forth sweetness. The far-flung battle line shall give place to the far-flung brother-line; and, great though will be our labour, our rewards shall be sure.

So mote it be!

An historical event of momentous import to Masons was the **deliverance of Jerusalem** from the oppression of the Turks, whose Armenian atrocities quite equal those of their allied miscreant murderers. The entrance of General Allenby on foot at the head of the British army was significant—"Do you come in peace?" "I come in peace," and he entered within the gates of the Holy City. No shot was fired, no clash of arms, no ring of metal heard. That the Union Jack, with its Christian crosses floats over the Hill of Hills, and the "Land of the Two Rivers," and that Joppa is a British Naval base with the Red Cross Admiral's flag flying, is a source of supreme satisfaction to all nations, save that trinity of iniquity whose destructive power for evil must be exterminated root and branch. In Jerusalem, as elsewhere, what we have we'll hold, as a sacred trust and a pledge of the just and lasting peace which we shall achieve and cherish. **This is the last Crusade.** It is worth remembering in our dark days that not one inch of British soil is in the hand of the Hun.

And what of France? As Kipling sings: "France beloved of every soul that loves or serves its kind." A man gets pretty close to God when he fights for his flag. France fights for life, for freedom and for flag.

"Shall I ask the brave soldier who fights by my side
In the cause of mankind, if our creeds agree?
Shall I give up the friend I have valued and tried,
If he kneel not before the same altar with me?"

Let our excellent **Masonic Press**, to which every brother should subscribe, open their columns to the earnest discussion of all permissible craft

questions. Masonic papers help to mould Masonic opinion, and their unifying influence and educative power should be practically recognized by all earnest Masons.

Our Masonic brethren of this jurisdiction should at once do all or two of **three good deeds**. By their fruits ye shall know them. The artesian wells of philanthropic and patriotic beneficence are ready to flow. Let Grand Lodge touch the main spring of action. We must win the war. Nothing else counts.

(1) A fund for returned and wounded Veteran Brethren, disabled by our war in defending our homes and altars, and for their dependents and the dependents of the fallen in battle. They are our glorious creditors. The need is imminent—the foundation should be now. The Semi-Centennial was only a vulgar fraction of our duty—and our power. In this our American brethren have set the pace.

(2) Equip a complete Ambulance Unit for the Front. Each Ambulance to be marked with the broad arrow of the Great King, the compasses of our craft. Let our identity be known in the struggle. Life saving is surely a noble Masonic privilege. Think of the pride our soldier brethren will have in this recognition of service and sacrifice. 'Act; act in the living present!'

(3) Support by large grants the Canadian and British Red Cross—all one in aim. Give a generous sum to the Canadian branch now and set aside an equal sum for "Our Day" for the Imperial Red Cross, the great Mother of all charities.

Masonic assistance in time of need or affliction involves no humiliation on the part of the recipient, acknowledging the universal kinship and giving needed aid freely—lovingly. But these **urgent calls** are above and beyond the normal and most estimable work of the Committee on Benevolence. It is a question of Grand Lodge rising to a great occasion and a great national and fraternal need. Let mother lodges feel the touch of motherhood and

"thank God they have mothered a man." We have had an **individual** share in what Ontario has done—let us have a distinct Masonic share in what Ontario will do. Five million dollars contributed by our Province to the British Red Cross in three years is no ignoble record. Hear what His Majesty the King says of us in his message:

"It is an example of patriotism, generosity, and practical sympathy with the sick and wounded in the Empire which has not been surpassed by any other part of the world."

The Red Cross with its five squares and historic association with the Knights of St. John, has a special appeal to the humanity of Masonry and the chivalry that will now always recall not merely Florence Nightingale, but also Edith Cavell and the murdered sisters and doctors, whom the fiendishness of Teuton madness has, during the past few weeks—on sea and land—sent to their eternal rest and reward of the Great Healer. Our hearts will respond to the tribute paid by an Edinburgh brother and Padre Laughlin MacLean Watt, to the blood-red cross of mercy, and to our heroic womanhood:

"As long as I live I shall lift my hat to the Red Cross. Every man in khaki, and every man that has been a soldier and every soul that has a soldier boy to love, should salute the symbol that speaks of love amid the hate and turmoil of war. For it means womanhood consecrated to gentle service, reckoning neither wage nor worry in aught it does, and it takes the sting from broken manhood that has ventured for the sake of honour and duty, through comradeship in suffering, to the verge of life, and beyond it." •

In addition to the Honour Rolls of members who have become the King's men in the King's uniform, **Service Flags** of maple leaves have been added to the ornaments of most of the lodges and should be in all. The flags are the symbols of our faith—the men, the anchors of our hope. Short, commemorative and intercessory services have also been introduced at the close or at the opening of the lodges. That of the Australians, for the gallant absent Anzacs, is particularly beautiful and we append it hereto for the instruction and admiration of the brethren:

W.M.—The brethren will remain standing.

W.M.—Bro. S. W., has every brother received his due?

S.W.—No, W.M., many of our brothers are absent from the lodge in a great cause, and we wish to remember them by name. W.M.—will you cause the list to be read?

(List of those in the military service is read.)

W.M.—Bro. S. W., what of these brethren?

S.W.—They are serving their King and Empire by sea and land and in the air, W.M.

W.M.—The brethren will stand to order.

Chaplain—Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, we commend to Thy Fatherly Providence our brethren who are serving in the cause of righteousness and liberty and maintaining the honour of their King, their Empire and the Order. Be unto them a tower of strength, and cover their heads in the day of battle. In the midst of toil and fighting, in suffering and captivity, give them brave endurance of body and soul, and confidence in Thine abiding presence. Grant that, in Thine own good time, their warfare ended, they may return safe and victorious to their beloved country, and to this their lodge, if it be Thy most holy will; and Thine shall be the glory.—So mote it be!

O worship the King all glorious above!

O gratefully sing His power and His love!

Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

Be present, Heavenly Father, with us whose brethren are serving at the front, and in our anxiety be Thou our comfort and support. Give us sure confidence in Thy providence and wisdom, that amid the changes and chances of war we may abide trustfully in Thy peace, which passes all understanding. So mote it be!

W.M.—For our late brother, who has made the supreme sacrifice, let us give a silent thought.

Now, the spirit conflict-riven,
Wounded heart, and painful strife;
Afterwards, the triumph given,
And the victor's crown of life.
Now, the training, hard and lowly,
Weary feet and aching brow,
Afterward, the service holy,
And the Master's "enter thou."
National Anthem.

The following has been submitted as an admirable basis for a similar service in our lodges where desired:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire the sailors and soldiers of our king with courage and endurance with gentleness in victory and patience in reverses, and to shield those who are called to posts of special peril.—So mote it be!

Let us pray for the sailors and soldiers of our King.

(Pause for silent prayer.)

O Almighty Lord God, the Father and Protector of all that trust in Thee, we commend to thy Fatherly goodness the men who through perils of war are serving this nation, and especially our dear brethren of this lodge, beseeching Thee to take into Thine own hand both them and the cause wherein their King and country send them. Be Thou their strength when they are set in the midst of so many and great dangers. Make all bold through death or life to put their trust in Thee, who are the only giver of victory, and canst save by many or by few.—So mote it be!

Be near me when all else is from me drifting—

Earth, sky, home's pictures, days of shade and shine,
And kindly faces to my own uplifting,
The love which answers mine.

Let us pray that the present distress may be overruled for the advancement of God's kingdom.

(Pause for silent prayer.)

O Almighty God, who canst bring good out of evil, and makest even the wrath of man to turn to Thy praise, we beseech Thee so to order and dispose the issue of this war, that we may be brought through strife to a lasting peace; and that the nations of the world—with the household of the faithful—may be united in a firmer fellowship for the promotion of Thy glory and the good of all mankind.—So mote it be!

Fulfilled in signs and wonders,
In life, in death, made clear,
Jehovah of the Thunders,
Lord God of Battles, hear!
National Anthem.

The Grand Master has been everywhere—East and West—doing more than his duty and glorying in the doing of it. He touches nothing that he does not adorn.

The absence of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, through continued illness, is regretted by us all. We miss his Scottish cautious care—his frown trying hard to disguise the merry twinkle of his eye, and his sterling worth. He has

been a faithful official of Grand Lodge. We pray for his speedy recovery, and that time and sickness may deal very gently with him. R. W. Bro. Logan has been acting and relieving in a most satisfactory manner.

The Secretaries of at least 50 lodges still need admonition and an electric shock. With five exceptions all the D.D.G.Ms. complain of want of promptness; and a few of the D.D.G.Ms. themselves are not on speaking terms with the 1st of July rule. One D.D.G.M. puts the case of the Secretaries neatly and forcibly thus:

"After urgently requesting each to let me have report without delay, I had to write special letters to eight of them and I have had to telegraph three of them. They apparently have never learned the meaning of the word 'now.' Today means any time this month."

Their lodge is their atomic world.—In every other part of their work they are, however, as nearly perfect as human limitations permit, and, of course, these annual criticisms as to time refer only to a small minority. The Secretaries, generally, are devoted men.

The Masters are nearly all eulogized in the District Reports. There are no derelictions from duty, there are very few inefficient, nearly all realize their responsibility to the craft, to the lodge, and especially to the candidate; for a Mason in the immature and plastic state is easily improved—as easily spoiled. The lodge is the Master's mirror—his fertile field of exploration. Hold high the torch. Masters, you are more than Presiding Officers! Masters, study men—your men! Great results are not achieved in cold, passive, irresponsible lodges. Breathe life into the perfected machine. Don't leave gaps. Don't vacillate. Self respect is an essential of dignity and of leadership. Know your men, know your work, know yourself. Give the best and you get the best. Consolidate your gains. Rule well. Hold strong.

The Wardens are too often relegated to a subordinate place as negligible quantities. Upon them devolve great responsibilities, and the future of the

lodge, as well as their own future preferment, will or should depend upon their loyal support of their Master in the administration of the lodge within and without. They ought to be typically representative of the personnel of the members, as well as worthy to stand on the threshold of the greatest honour those members—for merit—can confer. There should be no machine-like rotation in promotion. It has been suggested that in the next revision of the work, part of the Junior Warden's lecture might be distributed or abbreviated. It is too great a test of memory gymnastics, and many a good man has been lost to the Master's chair through the shuddering terror of that mnemonic task and test. The matter is good but the ore is often too heavy for the tonnage of the young aspirant.

The District Deputy Grand Masters are pro-consuls and are closely in touch with Masonic life. Sometimes they are selected by virtue of an arbitrary geographic arrangement of interchange which postpones the choice of some most capable men and true leaders, till grey hairs have set the crown upon the brow and faculties may have waned. They are, or should be, the real Grand Lodge in action under the Grand Master. Going out and in among the brethren as they do, recalls Chaucer's apposite line, "and gladly would he lerne and gladly teche," and also the old m's of 1583 (in which, of course, 'couninge' is used in the old sense of knowledge).

"Curious craftsmen walked about full wyde in dyverse districts, some to learne more crafte, and couninge, and some to teache them that had but little couninge."

They can speak for themselves, and it has been a labour of love to extract the following pearls of price from the reports for 1918.

Here are some Sparks from the Anvils, Gems from the Mines and Coins from the Mental Mint of the District Deputy Grand Masters:.

The honour conferred is opportunity for service, but I did not anticipate how pleasurable, how fascinating, the duties of the office would be.

The notes of my visits constitute, if I may borrow a phrase from Boswell, truly a log-book of felicity.

I have seen much of the new material with which the edifice of Masonry is being enlarged, and it appears to be representative of the best citizenship, and many are garbed in khaki.

Our institution attracts the young soldier whose pre-conceived opinion (justifiably) is that its keystone is love; and who can be more cordially welcomed to our ranks than the young man who has passed the supreme test of love by evincing his willingness to lay down his life for his friends?

At the Lodge of Instruction, after the degrees, the questions that arose as to methods were referred to a Board instead of to myself alone.

A commodious structure has been erected, a very tangible evidence of the zeal of the brethren.

Installed officers like a month or two of experience before submitting to the acid test of inspection, but I had not come in the role of a censorious critic, but as an officer of Grand Lodge to confer with the brethren and to offer suggestions conducive to improvement in the work.

Enunciation, articulation and earnestness of expression profoundly impressed the candidate and inspired the brethren present (worthy of emulation).

As the great institution of learning, from which the lodge derived its name, sheds its benign influence over the life of a great Province, so is this lodge doing a work of ever-increasing usefulness in the craft over a similar area.

The brethren, most of whom are Irishmen, are maintaining in this lodge, with an Irish name, the best traditions of the craft, and even the inanimate properties of the lodge, including the paraphernalia, indicate diligent care and attention.

There stand a trio of seasoned lovers of the art, whose fostering care has produced results much to their credit.

A zealous Mason, whose wealth of experience in important positions pre-eminently fits him for the guidance of the destinies of a new lodge.

A high standard of dignity and a desire to communicate happiness are characteristics, and ladies participating in the aftermath enabled the members to pay a slight instalment of their debt of gratitude to their women-folk for cheerfully remaining alone on many lodge nights, and gave them a better conception of the high ideals.

The Masonic home of a community with a distinct individuality and a cohesiveness that gives strength.

The true spirit of Masonry manifested in its being their constant effort to place comforts in the hands and hearts of the boys overseas.

Prudence and thrift have characterized this lodge while discharging its duty along benevolent and patriotic lines with fervency and zeal.

A returned chaplain was present to see the third degree conferred upon his son, also a veteran of the great war and winner of the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery (an inspiration to the brethren).

This lodge is prosperous and doing serious, honest good work.

This Country Lodge owns a comfortable meeting place, clear of incumbrance, where the brethren foregather and keep the fire glowing on the altar, as firmly cemented together as in the most pretentious city lodge.

A very comfortable Masonic home, where the cardinal virtues are efficiently taught and the work well exemplified.

This excellent lodge has mental efficiency in its positions of authority, which augurs well for success and usefulness.

The true spirit pervades the neat and commodious building sheltering the devoted little band of Masons who have erected and paid for it.

In my addresses at these functions I took advantage of the opportunity to advocate the creation of a Grand Lodge fund to provide such assistance as may be required for those of our brethren who will be veterans of the war. My argument was that we Canadians are not sacrificing any material interest for the great cause.

"For peace must be bought with blood and tears
And the boys of our hearts must pay."

while we, who must perforce stay at home, are enjoying ever increasing prosperity, thanks to the bountiful resources of our favoured land? I urged that the tens of thousands of Masons, who are at home taking toll of the products of forest, field and mine, of throbbing commerce and expanding industry, should be willing to give of our abundance to those of our younger brethren who have so freely offered to make the supreme sacrifice, if need be, to secure for us, our children and our children's children to the remotest generation, continued freedom and security in the pursuit of happiness. In every case this sentiment was cordially applauded. This district (all districts) will respond nobly if a Masonic war veterans' fund be started.

I have made many warm friends, learned much of real Masonry, and trust I may have been of some service.

No man can visit with the brethren without feeling that it has made him a bigger man and given him a wider outlook upon life.

Let the first marks upon the mind of a candidate be such that would indelibly impress the duty he owes to God, to his family, his fellowman and himself.

The standard of Masonry that each of us should lead our every-day life so that the world would see in us something worthy of imitation, and so that our brethren would know that we are always their truest friends.

I am more and more convinced that men everywhere are hungering for the better things in life, and I fear we have neglected to think more on the importance of our ceremonies.

Keep burning the spirit of Masonry already kindled in the hearts and lives of the brethren.

Words of encouragement materially assist.

Brethren on the roll of honour not only live in the lodge rooms, but also in the heart of each and every brother.

The degree impressive and the brethren enjoying Masonry to the fullest extent by endeavouring to live out its truest principles.

Gray hairs adorned the lodge room in no small degree. From their clear, clean-cut manner I am led to believe they lead lives that will leave an impression and will better equip them for life's work and help in the hour of temptation.

With the higher bodies of Masonry he took a leading part, but gave his best to the Blue lodges.

The new lodge, Kitchener, in honour of that great Mason and soldier who lost his life in defence of the Empire and democracy.

The W. M. has been a Mason fifty years, and I congratulate the brethren on the judgment they exercised in appointing him as their first Master.

I have found the Masters and Wardens not merely familiar with the ritual, but also capable of managing their respective lodges with skill and ability.

The character and excellence of the work of the junior officers should be particularly worthy of mention.

What this lodge lacks in numbers it retains in enthusiasm and efficiency.

The war banquet was simple. The candidate gave evidence of being excellent material.

Outstanding dues bulk large in the statement.

I personally visited all on regular nights, thereby obviating the necessity of emergencies.

Some of the outlying lodges were a veritable surprise.

The brethren contribute to those overseas, and a feeling of seriousness pervades the lodges from losses sustained by members in the now greatest battles of all history.

I have advised that the filling of the Junior Warden's chair is the most important elective office bestowed by the lodge.

I would recommend that new modern registers should be authorized and distributed by Grand Lodge.

Comparative opinions as to work would be dangerous as well as injudicious.

The Master's phrasing, assisted by natural oratorical powers, made him particularly interesting.

The new Masonic musical service was rendered by a choir of seventeen—not to be excelled—the parts well balanced. Enthusiasm exists, and floor work, the kind you look for in a military city, and an esprit de corps, causes the lodges to vie in doing honour to their guests.

Draw the attention of Master Masons to what this degree really means to them.

To serve Masonry and to instil the morals calculated to make men better citizens, raises the standard of unselfish ambitions in the community. Assist democracy through enlightened ways and means and emphasize the importance of every member living up to his obligation.

Our relations have been most cordial—and aiming at the one true object.

No one could be present without thoroughly appreciating the high character and practical value of the Grand Master's addressess.

The formation of a Masonic club in connection with the Temple is under consideration.

His true exposition of the essential virtues of Masonry

While we may be closing the year under even more burdens and distress, yet, in spite of this, Masonry has progressed steadily during the year, as if in some way it was ministering to the needs and demands of mankind and in this way fulfilling its true object and aim and proving the high importance of our noble science.

More fraternal visits should take place, and city lodges should sometimes do the work. Mutual profit would result.

No M. M. should be handed his certificate until he proves himself proficient in the third degree.

Fourteen lodges made fraternal visits to the Mother Lodge of the district on this one night.

Careful preparation as well as intelligent appreciation of what is required.

Difficulty of getting officers together for "grind", in purely country lodges, often prevents smooth work.

Its members (as they should be) good fellows and good Masons.

This lodge has been indefatigable in efforts to make Masonry a live issue for good—every meeting full of instruction, beginning at the notice of meeting, which is a model of information and every month conveys a true Masonic lesson to the recipient.

In the after meetings have some qualified speaker address on some live topic.

Overlook my shortcomings; remember only what you have seen to be good and helpful.

I realized that it would require my best efforts to properly represent the high ideals of the Grand Master, and I have tried to emphasize the privilege and opportunity that is our as Masons, finding Masonry an enlarged opportunity for doing good by applying its symbols and teachings in our daily lives and actions.

(Here is an ideal.) The lodge is busy, progressive, harmonious, prosperous. While all was darkness outside the light of Masonry radiated and glowed in noon-time splendour in the lodge room.

Keep up the Masonic spirit by carrying out the precepts.

P—spells progress in Masonry as in business affairs.

Mercer Lodge is to be congratulated on starting a Masonic library. (May it grow!)

This lodge is prosperous, having the happy faculty of making wise selections in its officers.

Fourth degree both bright and instructive (two essentials).

A big night crammed full of Masonic good things. The address on "Words, Mere Words," very interesting and instructive.

Here is a small lodge with Master and officers capable of showing any of the bigger lodges how degrees should be conferred.

In the address on "The Antiquity of Masonry," many points were new and provided abundant food for thought.

The black ball injudiciously used at times with one inevitable result, viz., dissension, which usually wrecks a lodge and leaves it stripped of its Masonic robes—Unity and Concord.

The officers performed their work with ability and dignity, perhaps keyed up for the occasion, but I feel competent to judge whether officers are temporarily on edge or not, and have no hesitancy in saying that if the good will and fellowship, combined with good work, continues the lodge will rank among the best.

A conscientious observer of the Book of Constitution, his judgment and Masonic wisdom have guided his lodge to the threshold of perfection.

A foundation which will not only be respected, but built upon.

The Worshipful Brother excelled himself (as all Masters should).

Some Masonic literature to discuss will improve the standard wonderfully.

I concluded my duty was more as a helper than an entertainer.

I personally worked a Board of Trial in all the lodges but one.

Impress our responsibilities as men and as Masons to the State and to the craft.

There is not sufficient attention paid to the Book of Constitution, likewise the ancient charges and regulations, which point out the duty of the Masters.

I but voice the sentiment of the older members of the craft when I say we have reason to be proud of the manner in which the younger members have responded to the call of King and country.

No Lodge of Instruction, as I felt that the energy and money expended in doing so could be better spent in providing comforts for our boys overseas, for Red Cross and other patriotic works.

The unanimity and smoothness which speak well for the future.

At other than official visits I was better enabled to get in closer touch with officers and members as I found them in the actual conditions of their work and had more time to spend with them in talking matters over.

While the work is uniform and creditably done, there is the lack of perfecting our knowledge of the science. We cannot understand and appreciate the beauty of our institution unless we become students of it. Acquire this knowledge. Let the constitution be read thoroughly and followed up by good Masonic reading.

Have an examination, especially in the Master Masons' degree, and exemplify the examination of a visiting brother and at intervals have some member give a talk on some Masonic subject and our meetings would be more interesting.

Our Lodge of Instruction was a success and demonstrated that it could be held in small towns and be of great benefit to neighbouring lodges.

The work, strenuous at times, has appealed to me greatly, calling forth my best endeavours. (So say we all.)

Masters capable of managing their lodges with skill and ability and acting with their brethren for the benefit of the craft and the uplift of their fellow men. True Masonic spirit exists in every lodge towards their brethren who are doing duty in our defence by regularly remembering them, not merely with comforts, but with letters.

Regular attendants by their presence assist the officers and stimulate to better the work.

The principles of the craft are a power for good in the community.

This lodge, in establishing the rule of receiving the D.D.G.M. so early in their year of office, is to be much commended.

At this grand old lodge a spontaneous and most generous response was made to the appeals of two of the brethren on behalf of the bereaved family of a deceased brother.

Truly this was Presentation Night in "Harmony."

The junior officers suffer through want of confidence and perhaps nervousness.

Many of the old members have long since joined the Grand Lodge above, but the perfume of their noble lives still sweetens the atmosphere of the lodge, which has just cause of pride in its traditions, and the best of those traditions are still maintained.

The splendid attendance of Past Masters and the air of kindness that pervaded the whole assemblage eloquently testified to the spirit of fraternity in York.

The despatch with which business was transacted is commendable.

For some years it has been my opinion (and that of others) that the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodge year should run concurrently.

The Masters and officers generally are anxious to do their work as perfectly as possible, and with men of strong personality, skill and ability, and impressed with the responsibility of their positions, the prospects of Masonry are most encouraging.

The W. M. travelled 120 miles to be in the chair (long distance enthusiasm).

A pleasant feature was the presence of two members, each over 87 years of age, who still regularly attend lodge.

The musical ritual added greatly to the beauty and solemnity of the degree.

Visits of Grand Lodge officers are a benefit to the craft, a pleasure and a profit.

At St. Thomas, on the occasion of the centennial of Masonry, upwards of 600 sat down to the banquet in the Assembly Hall—an evening never to be forgotten (noble 600).

The Masters are all alive to their work. Each seems to feel it a pleasure as well as a duty to do his best, and the brethren are anxious to learn more of the precepts and teachings of Masonry.

My visit will always stand out as a red letter night to me, for it was at this meeting that the Master handed me a message from the battlefield of France, saying that my youngest son, a member of my home lodge, had been awarded the Military Cross.

Their hearts in the work and the brethren are real live wires in Masonry.

By their genial and kindly manner they make one feel that it is a pleasure to visit them.

The returned Colonel told us of the (inexpressible) sufferings of the people in Belgium and Northern France, and paid a high tribute to our Canadian boys in action.

The singing of "God Save our Splendid Men" closed pleasant and profitable evenings.

An address on "Man's Moral Responsibility to His Fellow" was much enjoyed.

I scarcely dared hope to attain—I accepted with fear—but, thanks to the kind offices performed on every hand, and the splendid condition of Masonry generally throughout the district, I found the duties very light indeed.

Harmony reigns. All are housed in comfortable quarters, and there has been an increase in members, a larger attendance, a larger spirit of benevolence and a deeper sense of the meaning and obligations of the law of universal brotherhood.

The Brethren try faithfully to do their duty, and I impressed upon them that, while we should cultivate accuracy in presenting the work, the essential thing is being true to the teachings.

The Past Masters are not as active as I would like to see them in this lodge (they are always missed).

The veteran Secretary, with thirty years' of service, is still able to do the work well and help keep the younger brethren in line.

At Niagara was one of the greatest Masonic functions 500 present, about 200 of them from the American side of the river. The feature of the evening, the unveiling of the Honor Roll and presentation of Canadian and American flags.

Every hour of daylight is of vital importance nowadays.

At Grimsby we had the honour and privilege of meeting the Grand Master, present to do honour to a father who initiated his first-born son, a captain in the Royal Air Force, who has distinguished himself on the field of battle in this great struggle for supremacy between the principles of liberty and justice and German barbarism.

As yet small from a numerical standpoint, this district is very large as to its area and in the possibilities for the future. The high standard now existing, together with the great potentialities of development will, I believe, make this in a very few years one of the banner districts (a laudable ambition).

The type necessary to propagate Masonry in the manner it should be.

The total membership of this northern district aggregates almost 1,000, and of these about 20 per cent. are serving King and country.

Make Masons, not members.

This being my home lodge, I wished to be particularly observant and severe in my criticisms ("sweet are the wounds of a friend.")

I have come to realize the great trust that this honour involves.

I have always been met with that easy grace the brother so eminently possesses when conferring a kindness—of making one feel oneself the benefactor.

Let all tend to inspire a demeanor in keeping with the dignity of our order.

Many old Masons have never been inside a lodge room other than that in which they were initiated, and many officers are perpetuating irregularities and omitting little attractive details in blissful unconsciousness of any shortcomings.

The upheaval of the past four years indeed seems to a great extent to have brought out the practical application of Freemasonry to the wants of mankind in his hours of

trial and stress—its solacing and supporting influence.

On the battlefields of Europe Masonry has in no way failed in its mission of brotherly sympathy and comfort.

A spirit of zeal and optimism prevailing among officers and members generally is the result.

I observed the manner of disposing of the routine business and formed a high opinion of the methods adopted through every detail of the lodge executive.

The practical patriotism of the brethren was evinced in their Victory Bonds.

In presence of the father, the son wielded the gavel, and he bids fair to be a worthy successor of a worthy sire.

A unique and touching feature in presenting two of the brethren with handsome lockets on each attaining fifty years' membership (still doing duty).

I predict careful guardianship and zealous attention.

The Master is an excellent ritualist, has exceptional qualities, and showed considerable resourcefulness in introducing the degree work with his Past Masters, thus adding variety and attractiveness, which, with the great asset this lodge possesses in its musical talent, and the finished support of every officer, presented an evening's programme neither easily duplicated nor forgotten.

Light refreshments, short, pithy addresses, recitations and impromptu songs—truly a love-feast of sociability and bonhommie.

Could the officers see others do the work it would give them the little touches of finish and confidence which adds so much to the attractiveness of otherwise very commendable efforts.

The Master measures up well to all requirements both as a ritualist and as an executive—a happy combination.

The Master's enunciation gives the candidate a distinct grasp of what is intended to be conveyed.

The lodge requires a controlling and inspiring influence.

The material for the chairs is abundant, well qualified, and justly ambitious—efficiency usually engendering enthusiasm and zeal.

Masonry has had many homes here, but has always been present and generally in a most flourishing form—always in its most desirable form—harmonious, prolific and unassuming.

The evening's programme rounded off a day rich in genuine Masonic inspiration and encouragement.

If the brethren want to know "how ithers see them," and if in some instances we do not see "eye to eye," bear in mind that "an eye sees not itself, but by reflection, by some other things."

The lodge is noted for good work (both routine and degree), good attendance and hearty co-operation of Past Masters, and has developed the musical ritual.

The address, we trust, fell upon fertile ground.

They have over \$10,000 in the bank—largely due to those members of the early days who used their opportunity for the good of Granite and Masonry as a whole.

In the smallest villages the lodge can be made a centre from which radiates good fellowship and that kindly regard that we all value from our gfriends.

Example, when accompanied by close observation, is one of the best teachers.

It is brought home to everyone present that our lodges are not modelled on the plans of our ancient Masons. Let us ventilate. It would be advisable if Grand Lodge were to submit plans for the guidance of the brethren about to build.

I have urged the advisability of establishing a circulating Masonic library in some central place in the district.

Each lodge has its distinct characteristics, but one thing common to all.

I was especially interested in the unique and attractive appearance of Jerusalem Lodge.

The attendance, a splendid tribute to the reputation of our G. M., and his address, given in masterly style.

The anniversary of Vimy Ridge marked in a manner fitting to that great event. Four hundred Masons present, and the D.D.G.M. presented gavels to the lodges made from the wood of Vimy Ridge. Within the handle of each, wound upon a steel spiral, a vellum conveying a short story of Vimy Ridge and the names of the Masons of the district present at that momentous conflict.

As an emblem of power it will bring back the hour
Of remembrance of brethren out there,
Who fought as they died and died as they fought
In the face of the shell and the sword.
All with Masonry fraught this gavel is wrought
As a token of heroes abroad.
(Go others and do likewise.)

All the lodges are literally manned by enthusiastic and capable officers.

Always take an early opportunity for perfecting the bond of union and fellowship which should exist in every district.

This lodge retains its proud record—and one well worthy of imitation—of all dues being paid up to date.

Twenty new members being received, and these the best manhood of the town.

Give the candidate the most favourable idea of the solemnity of our ceremonies and the stability of our principles.

The atmosphere in lodge room was dignified and clear; the attendance not large, but the spirit good.

I trust we were successful in dropping a little encouragement where it is needed. (This is the seed that germinates)

Whilst the pathway appeared at first rough and rugged it was not as I expected, but was comparatively smooth and easy to travel, for the Past D.D.G.Ms. had so performed their duties that my task was by no means arduous.

I at all times had counsel and assistance. I was never alone.

Masonry is in a most healthy condition, enthusiasm is at its zenith, and the most ideal fraternal spirit prevails.

I always recommended fraternizing with surrounding lodges—making good live trysting places.

All the lodges here are very particular about the quality of candidates and consequently the calibre of the individual members is very high.

Waves of sympathy passed to me on the occasion of the death of my dear brother, a member of our lodge, who was murdered by the Huns in the bombing of the First Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Etaples, France.

I have regarded by chief duty, as not only that of criticism and striving to secure uniformity, but rather to give some inspiration to officers and members that will cause them to put forth every effort to reflect honour on the craft.

Masonry is not merely a fraternal organization or social club, but first and foremost, a great school for the development of character.

I sent a letter of fraternal greetings to every absent soldier brother on the list.

The brethren displayed excellent taste in holding a sane "Fourth."

These excerpts will show that most of the D. D.D.G.Ms. are not merely live wires, but also good men and true.

There are **some topics** of much present general interest in considering the condition of Masonry, and as to which there has been considerable discussion and comment in the lodges and committees.

1. There is still unrest as to **date of meeting** of Grand Lodge. It is agreed by nearly all, with the exception of the teachers, that the present date breaks the summer and is not convenient to all. If we are to be wedded to this hot summer solstice month, could not the meeting be held on the first Wednesday in July?

2. Should not **Evening Dress** of Officers of Grand Lodge at morning sessions be discontinued in the future during the war? Chaste simplicity should be ours. Opinions differ.

3. **Arrears** still loom large. Add the totals of districts and it does not require an actuary to convince Grand Lodge that there is "buried talent" and "suspended animation" in sufficient quantities, if released, to furnish much productive sinew.

4. **Insurance** Policies still need revision. We deeply sympathize with the Peterborough brethren. Adequate security is good policy.

5. How can the **average attendance** be increased, is a problem which will not down? Consult the statistical returns and Grand Lodge will realize that about one-eighth on an average attend. Many of the large lodges are the chief offenders. Masons on paper are not integral factors. Are there too many degrees? If so, it becomes the ritual of indigestion. Or too late hours, or too little of the kindling fire? See our remarks on lodges and Masters.

6. **Libraries** are a crying need. There is a thirst for knowledge—not for recondite, archaic arcana, but for vital information as to historical and biographical developments; traditional and real landmarks; symbolism and system; possibilities and progress. Some lodges have this year established this great asset, and already the result is apparent in the tone of the meetings. Books are the armour-

ies of human thought and action. Let all libraries keep and use Grand Lodge Reports, which, with all their faults and deficiencies, mark the milestones well.

7. Wherever **music** has been introduced as an auxiliary and handmaiden to our art, there has been an eager appreciation by the brethren, and much latent talent has been discovered. "Over there" a comrade who can sing is an invaluable asset to a Brigade and the Oratorio of the Cannonade is often softened by the "songs we sang in lodge, long, long ago." There is, too, in the deeper sense, the ideal of harmony, and sometimes even the sacrament of song in the concerted chords of the vox humana—chords which vibrate are never lost.

8. The U. S. brethren in their Grand gatherings, set us an example in receiving with all warmth of official courtesy, and dignified personal recognition, the heads of all **allied Masonic Grand Bodies**—such as the Royal Arch, the Grand Priory and the Consistory. Let us ponder on this. It has its reciprocal beneficent effect. It is a misnomer to call these bodies the Higher Degrees. They do not claim this. "Draw now the three-fold knot firm on the nine-fold band." Lengthen the cords, strengthen the stakes.

9. The Past Masters' Associations and Quatuor Coronati Lodge; and the Royal Colonial Institute Lodge, and **Canada Lodge** in London continue their splendid work and merit the thanks of this Grand Lodge. The two last named have been veritable "leagues of good cheer" to our soldier and sailor brethren, wayfaring and sojourning within reach of their cable tow, thus making ever stronger the silken bonds of hospitality, intimacy and good fellowship. But should we not ourselves have some organization to look after our own sick and wounded in France and England, who may be in need of assistance and comfort? They are of the household of the faithful. Are we faithful?

The Condition of Masonry involves and is affected by the **life and death** of men of mark among its members (whose loss we deplore, whose memory we revere), for the craft is a living organ-

ism. Your Committee, therefore, without derogating from the beauty of the tribute that will be paid in the report on the Fraternal Dead and elsewhere, feel that they would be derelict in their duty in this connection and neglectful of their rightful opportunity, did they fail to note the passing of two veteran Masons, both virile and vigorous in their mellow maturity, and both exponents of how far the Gulf Stream of their lives could flow into the Arctic region of their age. On the eve of his 94th birthday—near St. John's Day in the winter solstice—Bro. Sir **Mackenzie Bowell**, K.C., M.G., for over 52 years a Mason, wrote his last editorial for the journal on which he had continuously worked from the year of the Rebellion in 1837, set his last terrestrial type and answered "adsum" to his last summons. From a time when the memory of living man runneth not to the contrary, the brethren of Belleville District had annually celebrated St. John's Night and Bro. Mackenzie Bowell's birthday simultaneously, and the reminiscent stories of this friend and co-worker of the Fathers of Confederation were well-springs of inspiration and links of delightful memories. In June, just before St. John's day in the summer solstice, there passed away **John Ross Roberston**, P.G.M., and Historian of this Grand Lodge, also a journalist, a man of light and leading, a practical and discriminating philanthropist, a forceful yet lovable character, irresistible in enthusiasm, not devoid of wilfulness in judgment, but with a great big generous heart, which expressed itself in action in a passionate devotion to all that was true in Masonic manhood, to all that was appealing in little children at the gateway of life.

Both these brothers—one of English, the other of Highland birth—were unique types of rugged honesty and fearlessness.

Both had amassed considerable fortunes, as Burns says:

"Gather dole by every wile,
That's justified by honour,
Not for to hide it in a ditch,
Nor for a train resplendent,

But for the glorious privilege
Of being independent."

Both of them illustrated how well British men bear transplanting to the soil of Canadian democracy, which means freedom, justice and equality of service and opportunity for all. Masonically, the circle of the former Prime Minister was circumscribed about a more local but very fruitful centre, but that of Brother John Ross Robertson was world wide, as a traveller and historian and scholar of research. He quaffed the cup of memories; he gave to each point of vantage a local habitation and a name—he vitalized and visualized the past; tradition was translated into biographic records—vague allusions became verified chronicles—art—illustrative and commemorative perpetuated lives and places in portraiture and picture—and all Canada, but Toronto especially, owes much to the zeal—creative and recreative—which rescued from oblivion precious archives and systematized and vivified the knowledge of a not inglorious past. The brethren have often expected the old Grand Masters to step down from their frames and canvasses (the princely gifts of the late historian), to take part in the proceedings, to share the spirit of these stirring times of crisis, and to say "well done, well done; carry on, carry on," as M. W. Bro. Robertson had always done. But his real monument, more lasting than brass, will be the brave and tender memories associated with the endowment and loving care of the Hospital for little children, who rise up and call him blessed; for of such is the Kingdom.

"In the blest kingdoms meek of joy and love,
"There, entertain him, all the saints above,
"In solemn troops and sweet societies."

This year, as last year, the far flung frontier line of Canadian Masonry is on the fields of France and Flanders, some portions of which will be forever Canada, for there lie many of our "very gallant gentlemen." So the written word from our brethren overseas—living or dead—has a deep significance and breathes the spirit that keeps both the home fires and the altar fires burning. This

year, therefore, as for the past two years, we incorporate in our report extracts from three typical letters from our boys whom we hold in loyal living memory.

The first, from a young officer of Engineers, a Belleville boy, but member of a Toronto lodge. Note his generous tribute to the Infantry and to his comrades:

France, March 1918.

"It is good to feel that one's friends do not forget one, though so long absent and so far distant from Canada, and to know that our daily movements are noted as closely as possibly by friends at home.

" 'Across the world you mark the score.'

"The knowledge that that is so stimulates a man to hold on even though there is nothing left except the will which says to us 'hold on.' It is certain that many would give in were it not that they believed that the eyes of their friends were upon them and their hearts with them, and no one can blame them when they do of necessity give in, exhausted by the monotonous toil and testing trials, coupled with trench and gas warfare in this fearful struggle. The greatest trials come to the infantry. They are and always will be the 'Queen of Battles,' even though it be a war of the guns. No one can dispute this, and especially no one that has been with them in this campaign, and it has been our duty and our privilege to assist them in many of their undertakings and their praises only can be sung and they are entitled to all the honour and credit that a grateful country can give them.

"Just now my officers and sappers are very busy, as we have much momentous work on hand. They are all splendid and take a keen responsive interest in all the work that we are called upon to do night and day. We are in the danger zone nearly every day, as we make our tour of the lines. If our warfare had not developed into such a brutal and fiendish affair we might hope one day soon to make peace. When I see a man wounded or killed by rifle or shell-fire I naturally feel deeply sorry for the man and for the loss of a comrade, but when I see them writing in agony from gas, my judgment nearly forsakes me and I see red. It is difficult for anyone who has not seen such gas cases to realize how awful and horrible it is.

"My D. S. O. came to me quite as a surprise. I did not know that I had earned it and I am pleased indeed and especially now that I am getting such nice letters from so many old friends. I feel doubly pleased because they are pleased. As my old Commanding Officer, you will like to know that besides the D. S. O. I have now two mentions" and the M. C. to my credit, but best of all, three full years' service in France with my boys and comrades and

five wounds, none very serious but just little, and, I hope, honourable scars.

"It is with great regret that I read of the death of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who permitted me to call him friend. What a life he lived, full of rugged vigour until overtaken by his last fatal illness. All through his life he was known for his integrity, honour, and courage. The courage appeals to us soldiers, and in his youth he must have builded well, otherwise he would not have rounded off a long life full of honours and respected by all men. Would that many of the young men who are still in Canada today could build up a portion of his courage. If they did so they would realize their responsibility and would be crowding over one another in an effort to enlist and get overseas and join their comrades as they did at first. I suppose, however, a man must satisfy his own conscience, his own reason, and we judge not lest we be judged.

"The end is, I fear, a long way off yet, but while we have the time and the power let us do good for all our fellowmen and the women who are dear to us. That we humbly believe we are doing, fighting over here for freedom and for home."

And another from a young infantry officer and brother:

Ward 4, General Hospital, France.

"I am relegated to temporary oblivion by trench fever, an insidious form of holidaying practised by confirmed 'dugouters,' of course, and securing exemption from duty thereby. Joking apart, I am really not a very severe case nor can I honestly demand any great amount of sympathy for I am waited on hand and foot by a beautiful band of kind hearted sisters, whose devotion to duty is only equalled by their charming skill in its discharge. I have nothing to worry about, for by the time I reached this haven of rest my fever was pretty nearly spent and my time is devoted to getting back into shape for further strenuous efforts Berlinwards. One can hardly class that as one of the hardships of war, n'est ce pas? Yes, my French is wonderful. I judge of my daily progress by a gentle growing and noticeable cessation of a desire to laugh on the part of my helpless victims when exposed to the full extent of my linguistic barrage. I am improving and have recently been living in a sort of rarified atmosphere, through my having unaided and alone actually made a French joke. What a wonderful people they are to be sure. Nothing seems to disturb them now as they go about their little affairs oblivious of shells, carrying on without a tremor.

"Walking through a village—a sad looking place indeed—and passing a very old lady talking in the doorway, a great shell burst with tremendous crash just a little further down the street. I smiled at her reassuringly and offered to help, and said, "Prenez garde, madame!" but she simply said 'ce ne fait rien,' smiled back and went on talking.

"The great majority of the French are grateful to us and appear to be particularly so to Canadians. I know that our boys receive many favours which are denied to those whom we call the Imperials, all honour to them, the gallant Tommies!

"I have had many pleasant hours sitting in their pleasant stores doing my best to talk to those French fathers and mothers. They have one, two, three sons at the war. They had daughters; and with a bright smile, 'Jean has the *croix de guerre*.' The war is '*triste, n'est ce pas, monsieur?*' One son has a higher cross. It's always the same story; everything gone but always the same stout hearts and wistful eyes. Heavens, and how they hate the Bosche! And they have reason. So have we.

"Some little time ago we had a terrific trip up the line which taught me many things. I know and to the full now the meaning of that trite phrase 'the horrors of war.' I know that men can fight and face death crowding on them irresistibly, and laugh in the doing of it. I know—that a Canadian with his blood up, avenging a comrade, is the very worst thing a German could possibly meet. I could write pages about those early morning counter-attacks and what happened in them, but somehow or other it sounds too terrible in cold formal written words, and to be true it would have to be frightful. Give them their due, they have plenty of nerve and put up a great fight, but they also met a resistance which was one degree too much and they melted away. . . . I ceased just here last night on a warning look from the duty goddess. Yes, they are disciplinarians and controllers. You have them in Canada. You would be much interested in this ward of ours for there are officers from the English, Scotch and Irish regiments, and it is indeed both amusing and instructive to listen to our chatterings. I would hate to dub it conversation. * * * * *

"One day I was hunting around along a very thoroughly shelled area for Company H. Q. and temporary billets, and accidentally I lit on an Imperial Artillery H. Q. There were five officers sitting around a table, carefully concealed, just in a widening of a trench, and I asked the senior for directions. He looked up and in a tremendously west end voice said, 'I'm sorry I can't tell you, but you look tired. Won't you come and have a drink?' I was tired and I sat down gratefully. I might have been at a dinner party in England, there was such an air of unconscious breeding and charming hospitality about them all. Later, this Senior insisted on walking half a mile with me to give me what information he could as to my destination. When one meets these 'real ones' one's faith is revived (it was never lost) in the British officer and gentleman.

"I have been very close to the King. It was on a highway and there was a gorgeous staff, but the King has a charming manner and seems to have that happy faculty of putting people at their ease with him. I have also seen Sir Douglas Haig and General Byng at very close range.

I enjoyed seeing these men and can't help looking at them and thinking what a huge responsibility is theirs, handling these immense armies like pawns in the greatest of games.

"From reading some of the Canadian papers I get the impression that only a part of our people are really agonizing, so to speak, over the war. If they could only see the boys in the trenches, wet, muddy, wounded and worse, see them staggering out after days in the line and, as I've seen hundreds of them on the long march out, leaning against the wall for support, in the pouring rain, too tired to care whether it rained or not, not knowing whether it rained or not, exhausted but still 'sticking it,' I am sure a wave would go over Canada that would bring everybody to their feet with a rush and place our country and every man and woman in it truly and thoroughly and completely behind the boys in France, heart and soul and hand. Oh, the boys over here do deserve it, every one of them, and I hope the comforts of life in Canada won't dull and lull to rest that tremendous conviction of responsibility which must be the mainspring of Canada's war effort—the essential of victory."

And the last one is from a young flight lieutenant in the Royal Air Force, the gallant cavalry of the clouds, the eyes and ears of the army, one, who just twenty-one, exulted in his winged warfare, and one who will never again feel the grip of earthly brother's welcome home, but who has been received and exalted by the great Elder Brother in the Grand Lodge above. With the mysterious faculty of the soldiers who have "a rendezvous with death," writing to a young friend in the inspired words of prescience he said:

"What a life this is, so full of beauty and of grandeur. Sailing into the crimson sunset or fighting flying into the teeth of a bitter gale. And what a death—if death comes—at a height of ten thousand feet. Surely the soul must be unfettered and refreshed in such a passing."

And before the letter reached its destination, that soul at a height of ten thousand feet, unfettered and refreshed, took its flight to the **Aerodromes of Eternity.**

"Open wide the gates of heaven. An aviator comes."

This year, as last year, and wherever the Brotherhood of Solidarity is assembled, we pay tribute to the heroism of those brethren who nobly fighting, nobly fell, realizing to the full that "only those who reverence life can nobly lay it down."

"And you, our brothers, who for all our praying
 To this dear lodge of ours, come back no more,
 Who lie, your country's debt of honour paying,
 And not in vain, upon the Belgian shore!
 Till that great day, when at the throne of Heaven
 The books are open and the judgment set,
 Your lives, for honour and for empire given,
 This lodge will not forget."

As Bunyan wrote, "they crossed over and all the trumpets sounded for them on the other side."

And by that trumpet led
 Far up the exalted sky,
 The Army of the Dead
 Goes by and still goes by.
 Look upward, standing mute,
 Salute!

There is something specially appropriate in the meeting of the loyal and Royal Craft in the city of Windsor this year, for during this year His Majesty the King (for whom we pray and to whom we again renew our pledge of allegiance) has decreed and declared that the Royal name of **Windsor** shall henceforth designate himself, the Royal Family and his successors until time shall be no more.

In August, 1914, when the summons came from the homeland, Windsor's sons, Canada's sons, of their own free will and accord, responding in electric contact as Sons of the Blood, girded their loins for the conflict and ever since, in one continuous, unbroken chain, convoyed by the Royal Navy over the King's highway they have gone with songs to the battle—young, straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow, staunch to the end.

"'Twas ever thus, when danger lowers
 On men of British birth,
 The bugle call from Windsor's towers
 Is answered 'round the earth!"

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM NISBET PONTON,

Chairman of Committee on Condition of Masonry, Windsor, July, 16, 1918.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, and resolved:

That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

RECEPTION OF THE G. M. OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN.

Announcement having been made of the presence of M. W. Bro. McPherson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the G. M. deputed the M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed to retire and introduce the distinguished visitor, who was welcomed by the Grand Master, given grand honours and invited to the dais.

The G. M. addressed M. W. Bro. McPherson, expressing his delight and the delight of the members of Grand Lodge at the presence among them of their American Brother, and presented to him on behalf of Grand Lodge a silken Union Jack to retain as a memento of his visit, and a token of the appreciation of the honour of his attendance.

M. W. Bro. McPherson responded briefly emphasizing the feeling of brotherhood which existed between the two great allied nations, and his own gratification at being able to be among his Canadian cousins. He accepted the British flag with reverence and pride, and presented in return the American flag to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, while he expressed his hope and belief that the two banners would hang forever side by side, emblems of eternal peace and friendship.

CALLED OFF.

Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 1 o'clock p.m. to meet again at 2.30 p.m.

CALLED ON.

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 2.30 o'clock p.m., M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Grand Master, on the throne; Grand Officers, members and representatives present.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The Acting Grand Secretary presented the following Notices of Motion received by him within the time prescribed by the Constitution:

By M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt.

That Section 25 of the Constitution be repealed and the following enacted in its stead:

"25—A Candidate for office, other than for Grand Chaplain, Grand Registrar and membership of the Board of General Purposes, must, in order to be elected, receive a majority of all the votes cast—The candidate for Grand Chaplain, and for Grand Registrar, respectively, who obtains the highest number of votes, shall be duly elected."

By M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt.

That section 14 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"The place at which the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge is to be held shall be determined by ballot at the same time as the vote is taken for the election of officers. The place selected shall be restricted to the cities of Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton and London, and shall be the one for which the largest number of votes is cast, if more than one of said cities shall be put in nomination."

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Laws:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Constitution and Laws, begs to report as follows:

1. Motion by M. W. Bro. Macwatt to amend section 14, to read as follows:

"The place at which the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge is to be held shall be determined by ballot at the same time as the vote is taken for the election of officers. The place selected shall be restricted to the cities of Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton and London, and shall be the one for which the largest number of votes is cast, if more than one of the said cities shall be put in nomination."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge to be dealt with.

2. Motion by M. W. Bro. Burritt to repeal Section 25 and to enact the following in its stead:

"25—A Candidate for office, other than Grand Chaplain, Grand Registrar and membership of the Board of

General Purposes, must, in order to be elected, receive a majority of all the votes cast. The Candidate for Grand Chaplain and for Grand Registrar, respectively, who obtains the highest number of votes, shall be duly elected."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge to be dealt with.

In order, however, to harmonize therewith any other section which might be in conflict, Your Board would suggest an amendment be made to section 26 which would remove any difficulty, as follows: To add the following words after the word 'office' in the second line thereof, "other than nominations for the offices of Grand Chaplain and Grand Registrar and" and striking out the words "other than" in said second line immediately after said word 'office' as they now stand in Section 26.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and resolved,

That the report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the following report which was read by R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on our Fraternal Dead, begs to submit the following report:

Another year has laid away its store of days in the store-house of the past, and now again, in willing obedience to time-honoured custom, we snatch a few brief minutes from the hurry and the turmoil of our petty tasks and occupations, which loom so large before our worldly eyes, but which dwindle so small in the presence of the great leveller, and for a little while we are willing to sit and listen in sad sympathy to the naming of our brethren who have gone from us since last we met.

Many times have the signs of grief and mourning been laid upon the furniture of our lodge rooms, faint tokens of

the gloom and sorrow of the brethren. The flow of the great river of death has never ceased, will never cease; irresistibly it moves along, drawing into its cold current this one and that one, the high and the humble, the rich and the poor, patriot and traitor, man and child, your friend and my friend. It may be that for years we view contentedly our circle of dear ones, those whom we cherish most, standing still safe about us on life's bank and then, all too suddenly, the wave laps out and, when we look again, we miss some loved one's face and realize with aching pain that one is gone.

And so, although we foolishly attempt to console ourselves and others with time-worn platitudes, and, in our simplicity, prate learnedly of the inevitableness of death, our philosophy avails but little to assuage our grief nor can we, sore of heart, find a panacea in our boasted knowledge of the certainty in immortality.

To thoughtful Masons, professing a sincere belief in a future existence, and acknowledging the surety of reward or punishment after death, the modern attitude of thought towards this big question of a life eternal must seem most strange. Few there are who are not practically indifferent. As a great physician has said, most of us are pure Laodiceans, neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm. We think only of getting and begetting. We find employment enough in the occupations of our daily work and ambitions and, having accomplished each day our little stint, are satisfied to go home and rest and sleep without a thought of whence or whither. Even our spiritual teachers, many of them, deem it hardly polite to refer to so delicate a topic as the hereafter, except officially from the pulpit. It is only in the presence of some great calamity, national or personal, at some dear one's death-bed, or standing by the new-dug grave of some beloved friend, that we feel a short-lived apprehension of the melancholy fact that we too, must die. Immortality seems to be a dead issue with the great majority of the world's inhabitants. We know there is a life to come, but seemingly we are anxious to forget it, and are impatient of the man who reminds us in our busy time of that celestial city where:

"There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain."

And yet we do but follow in the footsteps of our fathers. Listen to the wisdom of Solomon:

"Our life is short and tedious, and in the death of man there is no remedy; neither was there any man known to have returned from the grave. For we are born at all adventure: and we shall be hereafter as though we had never been: for the breath in our nostrils is as smoke, and a little spark in the moving of our hearts: which being extinguished, our body shall be turned into ashes, and our spirit shall

vanish as the soft air. And our name shall be forgotten in time, and no man shall have our works in remembrance, and our life shall pass away as the trace of a cloud, and shall be dispersed as a mist that is driven away with the beams of the sun, and overcome with the heat thereof. For our time is a very shadow that passeth away; and after our end there is no returning: for it is fast sealed, so that no man cometh again. Come on, therefore, let us enjoy the good things that are present: and let us speedily use the creatures like as in youth. Let no flower of the spring pass by us: let us crown ourselves with rose buds before they be withered; let none of us go without his part of voluptuousness: let us leave tokens of our joyfulness in every place: for this is our portion, and our lot is this."

Nevertheless, thoughtless and careless though we are, and, even if apparently we care nothing as to where our brother went when he left us, yet we feel intensely the loss and the lack of him, and we like to think of his good deeds and to magnify his virtues. And so the lesson of his death is not altogether useless or without effect, whether he was a giant among men, or merely one of the common soldiers, who had fought life's battles bravely and well, but who carried on his breast none of man's insignia of office and distinction.

Always we have upon our list of dear departed ones two classes of men. There are those who were little known beyond the limited horizon of their own home activities and friendships, and yet whose influence and counsel, whose energy and devotion to right and justice, whose integrity and faithfulness are and ever will be an inspiration to those who knew them most intimately and best. On the other hand, there is the eminent brother who has ascended the ladder of what is known as popularity, whose name is everywhere, whose sphere of influence has extended in proportion to his fame, whose example is watched and followed by scores who, knowing him not personally, yet are swayed, as it is man's nature to be swayed, by his character and reputation.

And for us the lesson in this is plain. Let us not forget that we do not, can not live unto ourselves alone; that, whether we are among the so-called favoured of the earth, or on the other hand nothing but humble commoners, someone is watching us and taking pattern by us, and in so far we are responsible for that someone's character and fate. He most appropriately mourns the dead who lives as they would have him live. Let us then as Masons take renewed inspiration, devotion and courage from those lives we know, lives built up of noble deeds and self-forgetting generosity, and let us dedicate ourselves anew before the altar of their sacrifices.

"In the loom of life we weave each day
On the warp of circumstance
The colors grave and the colors gay
However the threads may chance.

But the web is ours to make or mar,
 And the pattern we may choose;
 We may make the fabric strong and fair,
 And blend as we will the hues.
 The glint of gold of our happy days
 May shine through the sombre shades,
 And love's warm gleams, like the morning's rays,
 Add beauty that never fades."

And, in the roll of those brethren who have gone before, would that we could head the list with the names of those gallant soldiers of the King, who have ungrudgingly, nay, gladly, laid down their lives upon the altar of righteousness and duty and patriotism, with whose lifeblood the banner of our Empire has been dyed a deeper crimson, whose deeds on sea and land and air have thrilled the hearts of all the world, whose hands have never wearied holding up the standard of liberty and right, who faced death with unwavering eyes upon the shell-torn slopes of France and Flanders' fields, whose names should be writ in golden letters on our walls and in fire upon our hearts, forevermore honored and sung and unforgotten.

Let us with full hearts breathe for them the loving prayer, "Almighty Ruler of the Universe, we commend to Thy gracious keeping the souls of our fallen brethren, whose names we remember before Thee. Grant them rest and peace, and let light eternal shine upon them. We pray, too, that we who live may still hold high the torch which to us from falling hands they threw, and that their heroism and noble death may not have been in vain."

M. W. BRO. JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, Past Provincial Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of the Knights Templar of Canada, Past Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters of Canada, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General 33°, of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada, died in Toronto, May 31st, 1918, at the age of seventy-six.

No man in Canada, probably, was better known than John Ross Robertson. A journalist by training and inclination, he rose through perseverance and industry to great heights in his chosen profession until as founder, publisher and owner of the Evening Telegram he achieved well-merited success. Always he used his great influence for the people and the people's rights, and much of his great wealth was spent in the relief of suffering humanity, while he never lost that kindness and sympathy which endeared him to all, both old and young, with whom he had to do.

As an author he gave by his historical investigations much valuable material to the world. His "Freemasonry in Canada," his "History of the Knights Templar," besides many other books and pamphlets, recording the results of his researches, are standard works, and are appreciated and thankfully recognized for their value everywhere, both at home and abroad.

His services in the cause of charity were innumerable. The Hospital for Sick Children, endowed and supported mainly by and through his wealth and efforts, will be a lasting monument to his beneficence and generosity, while the Lakeside Home for Children has won back to health and strength many little suffering ones, who perhaps have never realized the personality of their benefactor.

He was an ardent patriot and Imperialist, and was the personification of the highest type of democracy. He represented Toronto in the House of Commons from 1896-1900, and could have been, but declined to be, either knight or senator, preferring to remain among the people and one of the people. He was a lover of all branches of clean sport, and was for years the honoured head of one of Canada's most popular athletic organizations.

Bro. Robertson was made a Mason in 1867 in King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto. He was elected Master of Mimico Lodge, Lambton Mills, for the year 1880, and the following year, 1881, he filled the Master's chair in his mother lodge. He was an honorary member of several other lodges, both in Canada and in Scotland. From his very first connection with Grand Lodge he showed unflagging activity in the work of the craft. He was chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry from 1882 to 1886. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master of the Toronto District in 1886. He became Grand Master in 1890, and held that office for two years. He held the unique record of having gone to every lodge within the jurisdiction, making during the two years of his tenure of office three hundred and fifty-three visits. He was the representative here of the Grand Lodge of England, and was honoured by that body in his appointment to the rank of Past Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England.

"What limit can there be to our regret and longing for so dear a life?"

R. W. BRO. R. L. PATTERSON, P.D.D.G.M., Toronto District No. 11. Died 21st April, 1917.

R. W. BRO. R. McKNIGHT, P.D.D.G.M., Georgian District No. 9. Died 19th June, 1918.

R. W. BRO. JOHN COY, P.D.D.G.M., Niagara District No. 10. Died 22nd June, 1918.

R. W. BRO. JAMES EVANS, P.D.D.G.M., Ontario District No. 12. Died 23rd July, 1917.

R. W. BRO. JOHN O. SMITH, P.D.D.G.M., Eastern District No. 21. Died 26th July, 1917.

R. W. BRO. JOHN F. GRAHAM, P.D.D.G.M., Eastern District No. 21. Died 22nd Aug., 1917.

R. W. BRO. CHARLES F. HARRIS, P. G. Registrar. Died 12th October, 1917.

R. W. BRO. RICHARD J. HOVENDEN. P.G.S.W. Died 25th October, 1917.

R. W. BRO. D. D. CAMPBELL, P.D.D.G.M., Huron District No. 5. Died 6th January, 1918.

R. W. BRO. ROBERT HENDRY, P.D.D.G.M., Frontenac District No. 14. Died 8th Feb., 1918.

R. W. BRO. S. B. FELL, P.D.D.G.M., Eastern District No. 21. Died 18th Feb., 1918.

R. W. BRO. JOHN SCOON, P.D.D.G.M., Wellington District No. 7. Died 3rd March, 1918.

R. W. BRO. E. H. MUSSEN, P.G. Chaplain. Died 16th March, 1918.

V. W. BRO. W. M. BAILLIE, P. G. Steward. Died 11th June, 1918.

V. W. BRO. THOMAS PEDLER, P. G. Steward. Died 13th August, 1917.

V. W. BRO. SANDERSON PEARCY, P. G. Steward. Died 27th August, 1917.

V. W. BRO. JOHN FARNCOMB, P.G. Steward. Died September, 1917.

V. W. BRO. E. M. CHARLES DONOVAN, P.G. Steward. Died 6th October, 1917.

V. W. BRO. M. K. RICHARDSON, P. G. Steward. Died 5th December, 1917.

V. W. BRO. ALFRED JONES, P. Assistant Grand Secretary. Died 8th November, 1917.

V. W. BRO. WALTER CHATFIELD, P. G. Supt. of Works. Died 1st December, 1917.

V. W. BRO. ALEX. McLAREN, P. G. Steward. Died 3rd December, 1917.

V. W. BRO. JOHN GRAYDON, P.G.S.D. Died 11th December, 1917.

V. W. BRO. WALTER W. GREENHILL, P.G. Sword Bearer. Died 1st January, 1918.

V. W. BRO. OLIVER J. BRIDLE, P. G. Steward. Died 7th January, 1918.

V. W. BRO. J. F. PALLING, P. G. Sword Bearer. Died January, 1918.

V. W. BRO. RICHARD E. GALLAGHER, P. Assistant Grand Secretary. Died 19th February, 1918.

V. W. BRO. JAMES CANFIELD, P.G. Steward. Died 28th February, 1918.

V. W. BRO. W. E. FOOT, P. G. Steward. Died 18th March, 1918.

V. W. BRO. J. J. LUNDY, P.G. Steward. Died 11th March, 1918.

"There is a mystic borderland that lies
Just past the limit of our work-day world,
And it is peopled with the friends we met
And loved a year, a month, a week, a day,
And parted from with aching hearts, yet knew
That through the distance we must lose the hold
Of hand with hand, and only clasp the thread of memory.

But still so close we feel this land,
So sure we are that these same hearts are true,
That when in waking dreams there comes a call
That sets the thread of memory aglow,
We know that just by stretching out the hand
In written word of love, or book, or flower,
The waiting hand will clasp our own once more,
Across the silence in the same old way."

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. LOGAN,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt,
seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, and re-
solved:

That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be
received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master pre-
sented the report of the Committee on Fraternal
Correspondence, which, on motion of R. W. Bro.
F. W. Harcourt, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T.
Freed, was received and ordered to be printed as
an appendix to the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

NOTICES OF MOTION—CONSIDERATION OF

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt,
seconded by M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, and resolved:

That Section 25 of the Constitution be repealed and the
following enacted in its stead:

"25—A Candidate for office, other than for Grand Chap-
lain, Grand Registrar and membership of the Board of
General Purposes, must, in order to be elected receive a
majority of all the votes cast—The Candidate for Grand
Chaplain and for Grand Registrar, respectively, who obtains
the highest number of votes, shall be duly elected."

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, and resolved:

That, inasmuch as Grand Lodge has unanimously adopted the suggestion made by the Committee on Constitution and Laws with respect hereto, section 26 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following words after the word 'office' in the second line thereof "other than nominations for the offices of Grand Chaplain and Grand Registrar" and by striking out the words "other than" in said second line of said section.

CABLE TO HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. D. McPherson, and resolved:

That the following cablegram be sent to His Majesty King George V., viz.:

To His Majesty King George V.,

Windsor Castle,

London, England.

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, assembled at Windsor, Ontario, unite in loyal greetings and pledged allegiance.

"The bugle call from Windsor's towers
Is answered round the earth."

(Sgd.) Wardrope,

Grand Master.

Subsequently the following reply was received:

Ottawa, July 22nd, 1918.

Sir:

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor-General to inform you that he has received a telegram from Lord Stamfordham stating that a message of loyal greetings and pledged allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Canada's Freemasons in Windsor has been received by His Majesty the King, who commanded that his appreciation of and best thanks for the expression of these sentiments be conveyed to the Lodge.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. G. Henderson,

Lieut.-Colonel.

Governor-General's Secretary.

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for the Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, and for the place of holding the next Annual Communication, directed them to collect the ballot and report the result to Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd (27), Hamilton; R. W. Bro. W. G. White (487), Blind River. W. Bros. Wm. Downing (151), Kitchener; James Malcolm (87), Markham; E. J. Madill (362), Tara; D. Kay (414), Kenora; T. A. Murphy (537) Toronto; Thos. Sampson (303), Blyth; J. S. Edgar (403), Windsor; R. L. Bell (499), Port Arthur; Chas. T. Ross (42), London; Rev. J. H. Miller (383), Winchester; G. A. Payne (491), Cardinal; Wm. A. King (92), Kingston; Rev. A. M. Little (404), Tamworth; R. H. Lang (231), Ottawa; J. M. Barclay (264), Ottawa; K. B. Conger (148), Ottawa; M. H. Chamberlain (448), Wheatley; J. D. McGregor (448), Wheatley; Rev. E. W. Pickford (29), Brighton; Walter Webster (305), Weston; J. M. Somerville (370), Delta; R. D. Gibson (113), Waterford; H. A. Graham (165), Burlington; C. E. Failor (82), Paris; Thos. Gerry (20), London; M. D. Hyndman (94), Port Stanley; R. Booth (20), London; A. E. Graham (472), Gore Bay; LeBaron Diblee (527), Espanola; W. J. Hambly (536), Copper Cliff; A. A. Jackson (427), Sudbury; G. B. Perry (382), Hamilton.

NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for the election of Grand Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, and for the place of holding the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge were called for, as provided by the Constitution.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 4.30 p.m. to meet again at 9.00 o'clock a. m. on July 18th.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, July 18th, 1918.

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 9 o'clock a.m. M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Grand Master, on the throne; Grand Officers, members and representatives present.

ADOPTION OF REPORTS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. W. Bro. George S. May, and resolved:

That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, and resolved:

That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION, CONSIDERATION OF

It was moved by M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. George Tait,:

That Section 14 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"The place at which the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge is to be held shall be determined by ballot at the same time as the vote is taken for the election of officers. The place selected shall be restricted to the cities of Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton and London, and shall be the one for which the largest number of votes is cast, if more than one of the said cities shall be put in nomination."

The motion was declared lost.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by representatives of the lodges and Past Masters of their respective districts and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

No.	District	D.D.G.M.	P. O. Address
1	Erie.....	Wm. G. Wells.....	Sandwich
1a	Erie.....	Robert Pye.....	Thamesville
2	St. Clair.....	James Hamilton.....	Petrolia
3	London.....	Neil McGill.....	London
4	South Huron.....	Hugh E. Rorke.....	Clinton
5	North Huron.....	Wm. J. Morrison.....	Kincardine
6	Wilson.....	Harry A. Johnson.....	Simcoe
7	Wellington.....	Thomas C. Rundle.....	Guelph
8	Hamilton.....	John G. Gauld.....	Hamilton
9	Georgian.....	Charles T. Stephens.....	Collingwood
10	Niagara.....	Wm. A. McLean.....	St. Catharines
11	Toronto West.....	John B. Brennan.....	Toronto

11a	Toronto East	John A. Graham	Toronto
11b	Toronto Centre	Edgar A. James	Thornhill
12	Ontario	Charles Thorndyke	Millbrook
13	Pince Edward	Rev. E. W. Pickford	Brighton
14	Frontenac	Wm. M. Campbell	Kingston
15	St. Lawrence	Robert E. Hicks	Perth
16	Ottawa	John H. Putman	Ottawa
17	Algoma	Wm. W. Brown	Fort William
18	Nipissing	Alvin E. Graham	Gore Bay
19	Muskoka	Milton H. Limbert	Parry Sound
20	Victoria	Edward Fitzgerald	Fenelon Falls
21	Eastern	Aaron Sweet	Winchester
22	Temiscaming	David John	Haileybury
23	Brant	Wm. B. Scace	Brantford
24	Bruce	Nelson Morrell	Harriston
25	Grey	Henry White	Shelburne

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone installed and invested the newly-elected District Deputy Grand Masters (with the exception of R. W. Bro. J. G. Gauld, D.D.G.M. of Hamilton District No. 8 and R. W. Bro. Wm. W. Brown, D.D.G.M., of Algoma District No. 17, and R. W. Bro. H. E. Rorke, D.D. G.M., of South Huron District No. 4, and they were duly proclaimed and saluted with grand honours. M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed subsequently installed and invested R. W. Bro. J. G. Gauld, of Hamilton District No. 8; R. W. Bro. A. R. Mills, installed and invested R. W. Bro. Wm. W. Brown, of Algoma District No. 17; R. W. Bro. Fred. Porterfield, installed and invested R. W. Bro. H. E. Rorke, of South Huron District.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Special Committee appointed to consider the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master begs to report as follows:

We congratulate Grand Lodge in having a man occupying the chair in the Grand East who has been able to express in such masterly language the benefits derived by the Mason of today and since the beginning of this terrible war, from the struggles of life in consequence of the war, and the lessons learned therein—more than ever before since our Grand Lodge was first formed, have we learned the true answer to the question: "What is the Philosophy of life?"

Surely, what our Grand Master has so ably spoken, the life of self sacrifice, forgetfulness of self, doing good to and for others, is the true philosophy. The best of our young blood went forward eagerly willing to face that self sacrifice for his fireside, for his home ties, for his Canada, and for the world, to be purified by his effort, and millions of others with the same object ever before them, and the death of each one of them was the coronation day of each.

The Masonry of those who went to that sacrifice, taught, and still teaches, and will continue to teach the same philosophy and we congratulate and thank our Grand Master for placing such thoughts for preservation in our Grand Lodge proceedings and trust that they will be broadly read and radiate their inevitable influence for good to those who read them.

The Grand Master's remarks about his numerous visits show that he is one of those who respond to the call when it is in the line of duty, and when performed, may be more or less strenuous, but he may be assured, will be looked back to by him with pleasure, of friendships made and not to be easily forgotten, and which alone will compensate for the time involved in their performance.

The Board are also pleased to see, by reference to the address, that our Grand Master has had an oversight of the business end of the work and has kept in touch therewith.

Rulings of the M. W. the Grand Master embodied in his address for your adoption, taken up as numbered in said address:

1.—Concurrence.

2. Yes, subject to the favourable finding of the Committee of Investigation.

3. With deference, we cannot concur—a lodge of instruction can only be held under dispensation (sec. 59 III.), (sec. 74), and (sec. 240). The lodge to which the dispensation is given is answerable for the proceedings and that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.—Working the degrees is one of the legitimate functions, and if the lodge having the dispensation has an initiate who has been balloted for, or a brother of said lodge ready for advancement, we see no objection to the initiate or brother, as the case may be, obtaining his degree at such lodge of instruction.

4. Concurrence.

5. Yes, unless he has acquired a Masonic residence elsewhere.

6. Concurrence.

7. Yes, by adding at the end, "or until he has again established a new residence of one year."

8. Concurrence.

9. Concurrence.—Sec. 47 means investiture of the elected brother. See Sections 78, 81, 82, 84, 85. Investiture by proxy is not provided and therefore cannot legally be performed.

10. Concurrence. With the addition of the words "to the office of Wor. Master" at the end.

11. Concurrence. A motion to reconsider is out of order. It is the W. Master's prerogative, and when he has declared the state of the ballot, he cannot reconsider.

12. Concurrence.

13. Non-concurrence. Presuming the "Stiffness" renders it impossible for him to perform all that is required, advancement is arrested. If this is not so, then he could become a Master of the lodge and be unable to perform what he is called upon to do.

14. Concurrence.

15. Concurrence, if the requisite residence has not been acquired.

16. It is for the Worshipful Master to ascertain whether the brother can literally comply with the requirements of the work.

17. Concurrence, if the Warrant, altar lights are present.

18. No concurrence is required, it is a statement of fact, not of law.

19, 20 and 21. Concurrence.

22. Advancement is governed by the provisions of section 197 of the Constitution.

23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. Concurrence.

29. Concur that the act of the W. M. was constitutional, therefore, with deference, we think it was regular. See G. L. Proceedings, 1907; page 41 (6).

30. Concurrence.

31. Concurrence.

32. This depends entirely upon by-laws of the lodge.

33, 34, 35, 36. Concurrence.

37. With deference, cannot agree. Sections 189, 190 and 191 refer to applications or petitions for initiation only, and section 205 to applications for affiliations only. A reasonable practice, however, prevails of putting on Summons "Conferring Degrees" when such is the intention.

38. This case is largely governed by the by-laws of the lodge.

39, 40. Concurrence,

41. Circumstances and rulings of Grand Lodge govern.

42. Yes, unless and until he has acquired the necessary residence in our jurisdiction.

43. Concurrence.

44. No statutory provision. "Physically able to literally comply with the requirements of the work" has been the ruling for many years. Organic disease is left to the care of the W. M. and advice of a physician.

45. Concurrence.

The next paragraph, which might be numbered 46,—The law as there stated is correct.—See the ruling of the Grand Master on this point in G. L. Proceedings of 1906, page 53, which was approved by Grand Lodge, has not been reversed by Grand Lodge, and has been the law since that date.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT,

Chairman.

E. T. MALONE,

A. T. FREED,

S. A. LUKE.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and resolved:

That the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Report of the Scrutineers of the Ballot.

R. W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, Chairman, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the following report of the names of brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes; and the place of holding the next annual communication:

M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Hamilton, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Fred. W. Harcourt, Toronto, Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. F. M. Allworth, Windsor, Grand Senior Warden.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Abbott, London, Grand Junior Warden.
R.W. Bro. Rev. J. W. J. Andrew, St. Thomas, Grand Chaplain.
M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto, Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton, Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. B. Cairns, Toronto, Grand Registrar.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

V. W. Bro. J. F. Reid, Windsor.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Rowe, London.
R. W. Bro. W. H. Tudhope, Orillia.
R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, Hamilton.
R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The City of Toronto, Ontario, was chosen as the next place of meeting for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P.G.M., installed and invested the newly elected Grand Officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary grand honours.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years:

R. W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Toronto.
R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Kingston.
R. W. Bro. J. McC. Potts, Stirling.
R. W. Bro. P. T. Coupland, St. Marys.
R. W. Bro. E. R. Bond, Mount Brydges.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased at a subsequent date to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:

- V.W. Bro. Sydney A. Morgan, Hamilton, Grand Senior Deacon.
 V.W. Bro. Charles S. Ault, Aultsville, Grand Junior Deacon.
 V.W. Bro. James H. Brown, New Liskeard, Grand Supt. of Works.
 V.W. Bro. Hampton E. Jory, Barrie, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 V.W. Bro. James R. Inksater, Paris, Asst. G. Director of Ceremonies.
 V.W. Bro. Wm. Fraser, Bracebridge, Asst. Grand Secretary.
 V.W. Bro. Vivian M. Hare, Uxbridge, Grand Sword Bearer.
 V.W. Bro. James Leslie, Owen Sound, Grand Organist.
 V.W. Bro. W. F. Smart, Fort William, Asst. Grand Organist.
 V.W. Bro. Sydney A. Smithson, Kitchener, Grand Pursuivant.

GRAND STEWARDS.

- V.W. Bro. James Muir, Sr., Binbrook.
 V.W. Bro. Arthur W. Bell, Midland.
 V.W. Bro. Mark Frampton, Beamsville.
 V.W. Bro. J. G. Musson, Toronto.
 V.W. Bro. John Cook, Toronto.
 V.W. Bro. Wm. A. Grange, Napanee.
 V.W. Bro. Thomas H. Guest, Brockville.
 V.W. Bro. Thomas Saunders, Ottawa.
 V.W. Bro. Maurice F. Dyke, Blind River.
 V.W. Bro. T. Merritt Moore, Springfield.
 V.W. Bro. Lynde Mortson, Mitchell.
 V.W. Bro. John W. Smith, Thamesford.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

- V.W. Bro. Thomas A. McEvoy, Mount Brydges.
 V.W. Bro. Byron A. Smith, Kingsville.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, and resolved:

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Masons and citizens of Windsor for their kindness and hospitality and their endeavours to make the members of Grand Lodge comfortable at this annual, communication.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, and resolved:

That Grand Lodge desires to express to the Board of Education of the City of Windsor their thanks for the use of the Collegiate Institute and its many rooms, which have afforded Grand Lodge and its several committees such excellent accommodation.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, and resolved:

That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the members of the Credential Committee and the Board of Scrutineers for their valuable assistance rendered at this annual communication.

TELEGRAM OF SYMPATHY TO COLONEL ROOSEVELT.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. The Hon. W. D. McPherson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Sir John Morison Gibson, that the following telegram of sympathy be sent to Colonel Roosevelt:

Windsor, July 18th, 1918.

To Colonel Theodore Roosevelt,

Oyster Bay, N.Y.

By instruction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, we have to inform you that the following resolution has today been unanimously adopted:

Moved by the Most Worshipful Brother, the Honourable William David McPherson, Secretary and Registrar-General of the Province of Ontario, Past Grand Master, and seconded by Most Worshipful Brother, the Honourable Sir John Morison Gibson, K.C., M.G., recently Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, Past Grand Master, that this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in annual communication assembled, tender our serious and heartfelt sympathy to Brother Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt and family regarding the report that his brave and gallant son, Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, is reported missing after the hard fought battle in the air with two enemy aeroplanes, and hope that it may yet develop that his life has been spared to them, his country and our common cause.

W. H. WARDROPE,
Grand Master.

R. L. GUNN,
Grand Secretary.

INSTRUCTION OF D.D.G.Ms.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone would instruct the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office, generally.

The Grand Chaplain then invoked the blessing of the Most High upon the members of Grand Lodge during the coming recess.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 1 o'clock p.m.



Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1918,

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
2	aNiagara	Niagara	Jas. A. Coleman	T. W. Bishop
3	aAnct. St. John's	Kingston	Iva E. Martin	A. W. Cathcart
5	aSussex	Brockville	J. W. Mitchell	Geo. K. Dewey
6	Barton	Hamilton	A. Vila	W. H. F. Whateley
7	Union	Grimsby	John H. Gibson	Jno. H. Forman
9	aUnion	Napanee	W. A. Thompson	W. J. Wiggins
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	H. A. Johnson	R. E. Gunton
11	aMoira	Belleville	Jesse W. Barlow	John Newton
14	aTrue Britons	Perth	W. T. Hands	F. V. Buffam
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	Walter Carlson	A. N. Lindsay
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Wm. C. Dunlop	J. D. Keachie
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Chas. R. Gunmow	Robt. Buck
18	aPrince Edward	Pictou	S. B. Gearing	R. H. Hubbs
20	aSt. John's	London	Thos. Gerry	Rich Booth
21a	aSt. John's	Vankleek Hill	F. F. Downing	Geo. Chalmers
22	aKing Solomon's	Toronto	J. C. McMulklin	Donald Mackay
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	L. E. Hand	A. L. Phipps
24	aSt. Francis	Smith's Falls	Michael Lavell	G. W. Fluker
25	aIonic	Toronto	John E. Cameron	John D. Spence
26	aOntario	Port Hope	F. H. Batty	J. H. Magill
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	Chas. C. Smye	Wm. C. Morton
28	aMt. Zion	Kemptville	Geo. E. Snider	S. H. Guest
29	aUnited	Brighton	Rev. E. W. Pickford	B. C. H. Becker
30	aComposite	Whitby	J. W. Bateman	W. M. Jermyn
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville	H. J. Knight	J. S. Moorcraft
32	aAmity	Dunnville	John Clark	S. W. Lymburner
33	aMaitland	Goderich	R. J. Megaw	John Straiton
34	aThistle	Amherstburg	Ross Mickle	S. E. M. Taylor
35	St. John's	Cayuga	S. P. McGovern	J. W. Sheppard
37	aKing Hiram	Ingersoll	A. T. Lowe	Geo. Naylor
38	aTrent	Trenton	Geo. Sprentall	W. H. James
39	aMt. Zion	Brooklin	Ralph McIntyre	John J. Moore
40	aSt. John's	Hamilton	F. W. Sprules	Jas. F. Mercer
41	aSt. George's	Kingsville	W. M. Webb	Geo. S. Goodeve
42	aSt. George's	London	Chas. T. Ross	A. Ellis
43	aKing Solomon's	Woodstock	Fred. Clarke	R. L. Revell
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	Thos. L. Cochrane	F. W. Judd
45	Brant	Brantford	Lloyd L. Miller	Geo. Whitwill
46	aWellington	Chatham	John A. Aitkin	Benj. Rothwell
47	aGreat Western	Windsor	Henry Maw	John Fry
48	aMadoc	Madoc	Geo. West	W. E. Connor
50	aConsecon	Consecon	F. B. Sprung	H. F. Lea
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	D. Younghusband	H. W. Jackson
54	aVaughan	Maple	W. R. Rumble	J. T. Pollock
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	A. L. Lang	G. D. Scott
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	F. C. Watson	
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	Geo. Bush	E. J. Whitworth
58	aDoric	Ottawa	L. E. Stanley	J. A. Ross
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	Smith A. Wait	C. E. Kelly
62	aSt. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. T. Flowers	John Thompson
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	J. S. L. McNeely	A. H. Edwards
64	aKilwinning	London	N. P. Walsh	R. W. Glover
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	P. H. Jennings	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	aDurham	Newcastle	H. C. Higginbotham	J. A. Butler, M.D.
68	aSt. John's	Ingersoll	H. P. Stoneman	L. H. Thompson
69	Stirling	Stirling	Geo. B. Johnston	G. W. Bailey
72	Alma	Galt	Jas. Ritchie	A. J. Oliver
73	aSt. James	St. Marys	M. M. Salvadge	N. L. Brandon
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta	E. C. McDougall	F. L. Bissell
75	St. John's	Toronto	T. H. Fitzpatrick	R. R. Davis
76	aOxford	Woodstock	D. J. Sinclair	J. W. Dutton

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With-drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
2	W. on or b.f.m.	12	10	8	4	3	3					115	24 June 1918
3	1st Thursday	15	20	20	2	1	1					291	" "
5	3rd Monday	16	10	9	2	3	2	5				303	" "
6	2nd Wednesday	8	8	10	5	2	12	2				451	" "
7	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	10	10	7	2	1	2				1	172	" "
9	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	6	2	4	1					194	" "
10	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	6	6		2	2	5				142	" "
11	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	30	23	23	1	3	11	2			7	327	" "
14	1st Monday	3	4	4			3					128	27 Dec 1917
15	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	17	13	14		3	3				1	182	24 June 1918
16	2nd Tuesday	34	33	36	4		10					540	" "
17	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	12	5	1			2				187	" "
18	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	5		5	3				1	227	" "
20	2nd Tuesday	15	15	11	3	4	2	4			1	362	" "
21a	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	1		1		1				1	69	" "
22	2nd Thursday	32	35	34	10	4	9	3			1	424	" "
23	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	10	9	7	1		1					77	" "
24	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	14	6	6	1	1	3	4			1	183	" "
25	1st Tuesday	10	7	6	4	2	4					330	" "
26	3rd Friday	9	10	13	1	3	4	1	1			157	" "
27	3rd Friday	29	30	26	5	1	12	2			1	474	" "
28	Friday bef. F. M.	5	7	4	2	2	1				1	88	" "
29	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	10	12	7		1	1					145	" "
30	1st Friday	11	2	4		1					2	119	" "
31	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	9	13	12		3	1					165	" "
32	Wed. on or aft. F. M.	21	11	16	3	2	2	8			1	169	" "
33	2nd Tuesday	4	4	3		2	1				1	196	" "
34	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	8	11	9	5	3	1	1			1	142	" "
35	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	2	2				2					91	27 Dec. 1917
37	1st Friday	5	6	11	3	3	1	1				170	24 June 1918
38	Tuesday before F. M.	14	15	17	1	5	3				1	192	" "
39	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	5	3	2		2	3				66	27 Dec. 1917
40	3rd Thursday	35	34	33	2	3	9	11			1	565	24 June 1918
41	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	9	11	6		2	1	2				190	" "
42	1st Thursday	14	1		2	3	2	2				214	" "
43	1st Tuesday	18	15	15	2	3	3				1	328	" "
44	1st Thursday	34	32	28	4	1	7	3			1	422	" "
45	2nd Tuesday	18	19	23	4	3	5	3			4	361	" "
46	1st Monday	21	13	12		9	3	3			1	281	" "
47	1st Thursday	59	50	53	7	2	4					758	" "
48	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	11	12	15	2	1	2					140	" "
50	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	2			1				1	73	" "
52	1st Tuesday	23	21	22	2	2	8	7			2	384	" "
54	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2	2	1						54	" "
55	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	2		2	4					110	27 Dec. 1917
56	1st Tuesday	4	6	5		1	1					279	" "
57	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	3	5	1	3						146	24 June 1918
58	1st Friday	17	15	16	4		1	1			1	276	" "
61	2nd Friday	27	25	24	4	4	8	3			2	578	" "
62	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	4				1				95	" "
63	2nd Friday	2	9	9								209	" "
64	3rd Friday	15	18	14	2	2	6	7			5	279	" "
65	1st Thursday	36	28	28	1	4	7	5			1	509	" "
66	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	5	1		1	4				65	" "
68	3rd Friday	14	13	10	1	1	1	2				138	" "
69	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	7	8	9		3	2				1	121	" "
72	Last Tuesday	7	6	2	4	1	1				1	187	" "
73	1st Monday	7	5	5	1		4					125	" "
74	Monday nearest F. M.	2	2	2		1						81	" "
75	1st Monday	35	32	28	6	5	6	5				334	" "
76	2nd Monday	26	17	14		1	5	6			2	278	" "

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1918,

No. of Lodges	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
77	aFaithful Brethren	Lindsay	F. W. Moynes	R. G. Corneil
78	aKing Hiram	Tillsonburg	W. B. McCollom	Hy. McQueen
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	W. J. Creighton	Frank Kilkenny
81	aSt. John's	Mt. Brydges	Wm. J. Wyatt	Wm. Young
82	aSt. John's	Paris	C. E. Failor	John Newton
83	aBeaver	Strathroy	A. J. Stoner	R. F. Richardson
84	aClinton	Clinton	F. A. Axon	H. B. Chant
85	aRising Sun	Athens	H. R. Bright	A. W. Parish
86	aWilson	Toronto	E. B. Price	N. G. Atchison
87	aMarkham Union	Markham	Jas. E. Bell	R. M. Stewart
88	aSt. George's	Owen Sound	S. R. Pringle	John M. Campbell
90	aManito	Collingwood	E. W. McLaren	W. T. Herrington
91	aColborne	Colborne	W. N. McDougall	G. M. Peebles
92	aCataraqui	Kingston	W. A. King	H. A. Graham
93	aNorthern Light	Kincardine	Jas. A. Smith	M. J. MacPherson
94	aSt. Mark's	Port Stanley	M. W. Hyndman	H. G. Goodhue
96	aCorinthian	Barrie	Robt. King	A. H. Felt
97	aSharon	Queensville	B. C. Fortune	Jas. M. Milne
98	aTrue Blue	Bolton	C. E. Chambers	Geo. Lockwood
99	aTuscan	Newmarket	H. E. Whyte	Thos. H. Hill
100	aValley	Dundas	Chas. E. Dickson	F. A. Latshaw
101	aCorinthian	Peterborough	F. H. Dawson	R. F. Dcwney
103	aMaple Leaf	St. Catharines	A. J. Killip	H. J. Johnston
104	aSt. John's	Norwich	Edwin Irwin	G. W. Poldon
105	aSt. Mark's	Niagara Falls	S. N. Payne	H. F. Garner
106	aBurford	Burford	Henry E. Cox	Geo. Armstrong
107	aSt. Paul's	Lambeth	L. J. Nichols	H. Poole
108	aBlenheim	Princeton	R. S. Martin	T. J. Rawlinson
109	aAlbion	Harrowsmith	Norman Boyce	Roy E. Deline
110	aCentral	Prescott	Amos G. Ball	Edward McNally
113	aWilson	Waterford	R. D. Gibson	D. A. Hill
114	aHope	Port Hope	J. L. Westaway	Thos. H. Bell
115	aIvy	Beamsville	A. J. Trevelyan	W. D. Fairbrother
116	aCassia	Thedford	Geo. Sutherland	H. S. Clerke
118	aUnion	Schomberg	M. A. Brandon	H. H. Coffey
119	aMaple Leaf	Bath	Winzlo Thompson	E. P. Shephard
120	aWarren	Fingal	Rev. M. T. Walker	D. Cameron
121	aDoric	Brantford	John P. Temple	Jas. C. Spence
122	aRenfrew	Renfrew	Jas. A. McArthur	Hugh Macdonald
123	aBelleville	Belleville	Roy G. Stafford	D. Barragar
125	aCornwall	Cornwall	J. Hunter	John Ridley
126	aGolden Rule	Campbellford	D. F. Robertson	F. C. Bonnycastle
127	aFrank	Frankford	Edward Nelson	E. R. Youngs
128	aPembroke	Pembroke	A. J. Sparling	D. W. Blakely
129	aRising Sun	Aurora	F. Butler	J. G. McDonald
131	aSt. Lawrence	Southampton	R. B. Hillmer	F. Goodier
133	aLebanon Forest	Exeter	A. Hastings	R. N. Creech
135	aSt. Clair	Milton	R. S. Fleming	J. W. Crozier
136	aRichardson	Stouffville	N. M. McLean	E. S. Barker
137	aPythagoras	Meaford	W. A. Masters	F. H. Finlay
139	aLebanon	Oshawa	F. B. B. Patten	H. A. Saunders
140	aMalahide	Aylmer	G. F. Davenport	J. R. Woods
141	aTudor	Mitchell	J. A. Myers	A. J. Blowes
142	aExcelsior	Morrisburg	E. H. Robertson	B. A. Herring
143	aFriendly Bros.	Iroquois	P. W. Payne	S. W. Wood
144	aTecumseh	Stratford	F. S. Smith	H. J. Barker
145	aJ. B. Hall	Millbrook	T. A. Kelly	Chas. Thorndyke
146	aPrince of Wales	Newburgh	A. C. Alcombrack	Thos. I. Winter
147	aMississippi	Almonte	Jas. H. France	W. S. Boyd
148	aCivil Service	Ottawa	K. B. Conger	Robt. Telford
149	aErie	Port Dover	R. A. O. Hobbs	F. C. Henderson
151	aGrand River	Kitchener	Wm. Downing	P. Fisher
153	aBurns	Wyoming	Harry G. Maw	A. D. Fisher
154	aIrving	Lucan	Jos. Murray	C. J. Murdy
155	aPeterborough	Peterborough	Alex. Weddell	W. H. Walkey
156	aYork	Toronto	A. W. Urmey	Henry C. Cooper
157	aSimpson	Newboro	J. B. Pinkerton	T. H. H. Hall

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With-drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
77	1st Friday	12	11	10	7	1	5					267	24 June 1918
78	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	4	2	2						184	27 Dec. 1917
79	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1		7	91	24 June 1918
81	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	7	3		2	2					88	"
82	2nd Tuesday	21	19	22	2		2					138	"
83	Friday on or aft. F. M.	7	5	6		1	1	3			1	146	27 Dec. 1917
84	Friday on or aft. F. M.	7	8	8		2		5				86	24 June 1918
85	Thur. on or bef. F. M.				1		1					78	27 Dec. 1917
86	3rd Tuesday	19	16	20	2	4	9				1	415	24 June 1918
87	Friday on or bef. F. M.	8	5	8	2	2						125	"
88	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	8	3	3		1	5					189	"
90	2nd Tuesday	11	10	7		3	6				1	221	24 June 1917
91	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	12	10	6	2	1	3	5			2	111	24 June 1918
92	2nd Friday	25	23	21		3	5					331	"
93	1st Wednesday	7	6	4	1	5	2	3			2	125	"
94	2nd Tuesday	1	2	3	1		1	2				84	"
96	1st Thursday	15	9	9	1	8	6	9			3	215	"
97	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	2		4	1				1	84	"
98	Fri. aft. F. M.	1	1	1			2	3				56	"
99	2nd Wednesday	4	4	2								77	27 Dec. 1917
100	2nd Monday	17	16	9	3	7	1	1			2	231	24 June 1918
101	3rd Friday	5	4	5			4	3				181	"
103	Last Thursday	19	24	23	3	3	5				2	284	"
104	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	10	14	13		1	2	1				124	"
105	2nd Tuesday	9	11	11	3		6				1	181	"
106	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	2		1						85	"
107	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	11	10	4			1	4				101	"
108	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	5	5	9	1		2					71	"
109	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	4	7		1						116	"
110	1st Tuesday	9	9	10			3					151	"
113	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	4		3	1					156	"
114	1st Friday	25	29	22	1	1	2					208	"
115	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	5		3	4	9			1	136	"
116	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1		3	1				1	41	"
118	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	1	1				2				70	"
119	Monday before F. M.	15	10	8							1	83	"
120	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	10	7			1					53	"
121	3rd Friday	32	33	26	5	3	11	11			4	529	"
122	1st Monday	12	6	2	1	3	2					145	"
123	1st Thursday	11	13	12	2	4	8				5	265	"
125	1st Wednesday	3	4	4	3	1	2					148	"
126	1st Tuesday	8	12	11	1	3					1	136	"
127	Monday before F. M.	10	6	10		2	1				1	139	"
128	1st Thursday	14	16	15	4	2	1					199	"
129	1st Friday	8	6	6	1							115	"
131	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	4	4	4								86	"
133	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	4	1	4	1					102	"
135	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	7	3	3		2	3					118	27 Dec. 1917
136	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	5	4	4		1	2					57	21 June 1918
137	Fri. nearest F. M.	11	9	4		4	4	1			1	129	"
139	2nd Tuesday	9	8	13	3	1	3					162	"
140	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	2	3	1	3		3			1	135	"
141	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	6	7		3		3				83	"
142	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	4		1	2	2			2	78	"
143	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3		1	1	4				100	"
144	3rd Friday	8	12	13		7	5	3			2	279	"
145	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	4		1	2	2				71	"
146	Wed. bef. F. M.	8	8	9			1					92	27 Dec. 1917
147	1st Friday	6	5	5		3						106	24 June 1918
148	2nd Tuesday	17	12	13	7	2	2					277	"
149	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	4	1	2	1					100	"
151	2nd Tuesday	16	14	12	3	5	4	1			1	239	"
153	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1										112	27 Dec. 1917
154	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	6	7	1		1				1	99	24 June 1918
155	1st Friday	11	15	14	3	4	7					279	"
156	3rd Friday	11	15	13		3	1	3				256	27 Dec. 1917
157	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	3		1	3				1	77	24 June 1918

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	Geo. Kerby.....	John W. Sauvey.....
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond.....	John Hemphill.....	S. B. Gordon.....
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth.....	C. L. Cryderman.....	A. M. Smale.....
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	D. M. McTavish.....	Gavin Davidson.....
164	aStar in the East.....	Wellington.....	E. L. Hubbs.....	J. S. Shurie.....
165	aBurlington.....	Burlington.....	G. D. Colton.....	Jas. S. Allen.....
166	aWentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	J. A. Lottridge.....	R. H. Dewar.....
168	aMerritt.....	Welland.....	F. B. Avern.....	H. E. Dawdy.....
169	aMacnab.....	Port Colborne.....	J. Cuthbert.....	D. Burt.....
170	aBritannia.....	Seaforth.....	Chas. Aberhardt.....	J. H. Reid.....
171	aPrince of Wales.....	Lawrence Sta.....	Jas. A. Kindree.....	John C. Dundas.....
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	J. H. Scott.....	R. L. Anderson.....
174	aWalsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	C. H. Ferris.....	J. E. Biddle.....
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	J. J. McGill.....	H. H. Cairns.....
178	aPlattsville.....	Plattsville.....	Roland Johnston.....	W. R. Henderson.....
180	aSpeed.....	Guelph.....	Lehman Wood.....	W. C. Dainty.....
181	aOriental.....	Port Burwell.....	John Brady.....	Clarence Buchner.....
184	aOld Light.....	Lucknow.....	W. J. Davison.....	W. A. Wilson.....
185	aEnniskillen.....	York.....	R. L. Murdock.....	A. Renshaw.....
186	aPlantagenet.....	Riceville.....	W. Wilson.....	G. A. Ryan.....
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	C. A. Campbell.....	J. F. Turner.....
192	aOrillia.....	Orillia.....	C. G. Kirkpatrick.....	T. C. Doidge.....
193	aScotland.....	Scotland.....	Chas. W. Stuart.....	J. A. Messecar.....
194	aPetrolia.....	Petrolia.....	John D. Moore.....	Thos. Bicknell.....
195	aTuscan.....	London.....	B. N. Campbell.....	J. E. Magee.....
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	G. W. A. Gillies.....	Henry Newham.....
197	aSaugeen.....	Walkerton.....	J. R. Jones.....	R. H. McKay.....
200	St. Alban's.....	Mt. Forest.....	Rev. Wm. Cooper.....	Scott Pennock.....
201	aLeeds.....	Gananoque.....	Walter Cox.....	A. B. Munroe.....
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	Rev. L. J. R. Naftel.....	R. D. Cardno.....
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	Geo. Morley.....	R. C. Puddicombe.....
207	aLancaster.....	Lancaster.....	A. F. Dunn.....	W. N. McGillis.....
209	Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	K. W. Cameron.....	Robt. Wilson.....
209a	aSt. Johns.....	London.....	F. S. Campbell.....	J. E. Keenleyside.....
215	aLake.....	Ameliasburg.....	Jas. E. Glen.....	W. H. C. Roblin.....
216	aHarris.....	Orangeville.....	R. N. Kyles.....	A. E. Annis.....
217	aFrederick.....	Delhi.....	Max McPherson.....	T. E. Morgan.....
218	aStevenson.....	Toronto.....	W. Wright.....	H. C. H. Corneil.....
219	aCredit.....	Georgetown.....	A. B. Castell.....	Geo. Ford.....
220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	Geo. N. Gorrow.....	V. M. Hare.....
221	aMountain.....	Thorold.....	A. H. Higgins.....	Hubert Grisdale.....
222	aMarmora.....	Marmora.....	J. F. Baker.....	D. E. Bell.....
223	aNorwood.....	Norwood.....	W. C. Pickens.....	E. C. Squire.....
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	R. J. Cameron.....	Robt. Dalrymple.....
225	aBernard.....	Listowel.....	E. D. Bolton.....	J. H. Blackmore.....
228	aPrince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	C. Taylor.....	Robt. Bennett.....
229	aIonic.....	Brampton.....	S. Wilson.....	W. J. Fenton.....
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	J. D. Wisdom.....	W. N. Duff.....
231	Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	D. Beaton.....	C. B. Patten.....
232	aCameron.....	Dutton.....	M. S. Clous.....	J. G. McKellar.....
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	A. B. Gilbert.....	Dr. Geo. A. Fraser.....
234	aBeaver.....	Clarksburg.....	G. H. Mitchell.....	Wm. Reekie.....
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	Jas. A. McNeill.....	H. B. Putnam.....
236	aManitoba.....	Cookstown.....	M. L. Chantler.....	W. G. Mackay.....
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	Herman W. Wisson.....	S. S. Clutton.....
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	Nelson Hawn.....	W. L. Miller.....
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	C. G. Davey.....	W. W. Garrett.....
242	aMacoy.....	Mallorytown.....	C. C. E. Johnson.....	F. H. Mallory.....
243	aSt. George.....	St. George.....	J. H. Burke.....	J. McNeilly.....
245	aTecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	Glen Mowbray.....	Robt. Pye.....
247	aAshlar.....	Toronto.....	F. G. McKay.....	Wm. H. Best.....
249	aCaledonian.....	Midland.....	T. J. Johnston.....	W. H. Thornton.....
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	Donald McLeod.....	Columbus Ross.....
253	aMinden.....	Kingston.....	R. H. Ward.....	T. D. Minnes.....
254	aClifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	Geo. T. Shackel.....	Simu? Warren.....
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	Wm. J. Foster.....	John French.....

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158	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	9	5	6								88	24 June 1915
159	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	4		2	1				2	70	
161	Wed. bef. F. M.	5	4	4			4				1	79	
162	Mon. on or bef. F. M.							5				38	27 Dec. 1917
161	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	2		2						135	24 June 1918
165	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	8	4	5	1	4	1	1			2	162	
166	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	12	7	6	3		3					177	
168	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	12	14	9		2	2					180	
169	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	12	10	8	2	3	2					112	
170	1st Monday	11	8	3		3	2					138	
171	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1				13				41	
172	2nd Monday	1				1					1	54	
174	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	4	2	2		3				89	
177	2nd Friday	24	20	18	3		8	1			1	326	
178	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	5	6	1		2					59	
180	1st Tuesday	16	12	11	2	2	4	2				197	
181	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	1	1	1	2	1	1				53	
184	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1		2						108	
185	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	4	2	3				7			6	41	
186	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	1					2	5				52	
190	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	2	2		1						82	
192	1st Friday	26	33	29	7	8	3	2			6	322	
193	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	4		3						93	
191	2nd Wednesday	6	10	10	1	2	4					167	
195	1st Monday	11	10	7	5	1	2					172	
196	2nd Monday	7	6	5	2	1	2	4			1	118	
197	2nd Tuesday	4	3	4	1	1	2					94	
200	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2	1	3						82	
201	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	17	17	15	5	3	5	1			1	225	
203	3rd Friday	5	4	4	2							108	
205	Mon. after F. M.	2				2						43	
207	Tue. after F. M.	7	5	4		1	1					133	
209	1st Tuesday	9	8	5	1	2	1				1	58	
209a	1st Friday	20	25	23	2	2	5	7				479	
215	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	12	10	4	1	1					2	77	
216	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	2	1	2	2	4			4	176	
217	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3						2				70	27 Dec. 1917
218	2nd Monday	17	13	11	3	8	2	3			1	286	24 June 1918
219	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	1	4		1		4			3	100	
220	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	13	9	6	3		2					112	
221	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	11	13	13	4		1					186	
222	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	7	11	7			1					99	
223	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	9	4	4	1		3					107	
224	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	5	4	1	1						80	
225	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	4	2	2		1	4				131	
228	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	4	4	4		3						82	
229	3rd Tuesday	11	12	11		7	3	3				147	
230	3rd Friday	5	3	7	2	1	3				1	192	
231	3rd Tuesday	20	191	19	4	2	2	4				319	
232	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	9	9	8		2						100	27 Dec. 1917
233	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	11	11	2	1	1					79	24 June 1918
234	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	3		1	1					86	
235	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2		1		3			1	97	
236	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	5	8	8	1							91	
237	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	6	6			1	3				77	
238	Tues. bef. F. M.	6	5	4	2		1	4			1	77	
239	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	4	2	3			1				137	
242	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	8	8	4		1		2				106	
243	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	8	9	7	1		2	3				80	
245	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	2			1						87	
247	4th Tuesday	12	12	13		2	3					425	
249	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	14	7	10	3	1					2	224	
250	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	16	16	16	1	2		6				82	
253	1st Tuesday	16	17	17		1	5					213	
254	1st Thursday	18	16	17	4	2	3	4				291	
255	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	11	5	1	2	4					1	102	

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
256	aFarran's Point	Aultsville	James Bryan	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	E. F. Hetherington	Robt. Clark
258	aGuelph	Guelph	W. W. P. Colwill	C. R. Penfold
259	aSpringfield	Springfield	Duncan Campbell	M. M. Black
260	aWashington	Petrolia	R. W. Knowles	H. F. Winter
261	aOak Branch	Innerkip	Harry Entwistle	R. Q. Irving
262	aHarriston	Harriston	James Bruce	E. W. Lambert
263	aForest	Forest	R. E. O'Neil	P. W. Campbell
264	aChaudiere	Ottawa	J. M. Barclay	Thos. H. Hoare
265	aPatterson	Thornhill	W. J. Brooks	J. A. Thompson
266	aNorthern Light	Stayner	T. J. Watson	D. G. Bell
267	aParthenon	Chatham	L. H. Holmes	J. G. Martin
268	aVerulam	Bobcaygeon	Foster Herron	K. L. Wilson
269	aBrougham Union	Claremont	A. M. Smith	Thos. Gregg
270	aCedar	Oshawa	Geo. T. Everett	M. L. Argall
271	aWellington	Erin	J. W. Wood	T. R. Akins
272	aSeymour	Ancaster	J. L. Moffatt	W. D. Forster
274	aKent	Blenheim	J. L. Gosnell	W. R. Fellows, Jr
276	aTeeswater	Teeswater	G. H. Linklater	G. S. Fowler
277	aSeymour	Port Dalhousie	W. A. Hunter	Thos. O. Johnston
279	aNew Hope	Hespeler	J. F. Kohli	Edgar Garland
282	aLorne	Glencoe	D. A. McAlpine	J. A. McKellar
283	aEureka	Belleville	J. W. Holmes	W. J. Diamond
284	aSt. John's	Brussels	F. A. Gilroy	J. Wright
285	aSeven Star	Alliston	G. F. Crosbie	Jas. A. Wright
286	aWingham	Wingham	Geo. L. Bisbee	J. A. Morton
287	aShuniah	Port Arthur	R. R. Racey	Geo. G. Milne
289	aDoric	Lobo	O. L. Tuckey	P. L. Graham
290	aLeamington	Leamington	A. C. Stewart	L. J. Wright
291	aDufferin	W. Flamboro'	Wm. Taylor	Wesley Green
292	aRobertson	King	Thos. McMurchie	Arch. McCallum
294	aMoore	Courtright	A. C. Quick	Wm. Brown
295	aConestogo	Drayton	Joshua Hilborne	Calvert Scarr
296	aTemple	St. Catharines	Wilfrid Harrop	C. A. Brown
297	aPreston	Preston	A. W. Angell	D. M. Johnston
299	aVictoria	Centreville	H. W. Wagar	E. W. Lothead
300	aMt. Olivet	Thorndale	B. C. Fitzgerald	H. B. Mossip
302	aSt. David's	St. Thomas'	P. A. Honsinger	H. E. Stevenson
303	aBlyth	Blyth	Thos. Sampson	J. M. Hamilton
304	aMinerva	Stroud	W. L. Black	Wilson Black
305	aHumber	Weston	Walter Webster	Thos. Stone
306	aDurham	Durham	R. Burnett	E. A. Hay
307	aArkona	Arkona	Jas. A. McIntosh	A. M. Thoman
309	aMorning Star	Carlow	J. J. Robertson	Bert C. Weir
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge	David Norton	H. N. Smith
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg	E. W. Shaw	D. F. Johnson
313	aClementi	Lakefield	S. R. Leggett	A. E. Kennedy
314	aBlair	Palmerston	Theo Morris	H. E. McEwing
315	aClifford	Clifford	E. L. Fulton	Wm. Graef
316	aDoric	Toronto	A. D. Goodall	H. J. Ragen
318	aWilmot	Baden	Wm. Gillespie	H. C. Schumm
319	aHiram	Hagersville	Wm. B. Shoup	W. C. VanLoon
320	aChesterville	Chesterville	M. J. Durrant	Geo. Elliott
321	aWalker	Acton	W. L. Mullin	R. M. McDonald
322	aNorth Star	Owen Sound	C. L. Vanwyck	A. A. Parks
323	aAlvinston	Alvinston	D. D. Paterson	Jas. Holme
324	aTemple	Hamilton	R. C. Ripley	Hanlan Robison
325	aOrono	Oroco	G. R. Clare	Wm. Armstrong
326	aZetland	Toronto	E. J. Powell	J. H. Macabe
327	aHammond	Wardsville	Alfred Wehlann	W. A. Connelly
328	aIonic	Napier	W. Woods	W. L. Toohill
329	aKing Solomon	Jarvis	Ivan W. Holmes	R. W. Smith
330	aCorinthian	London	Wm. Busch	H. C. Simpson
331	aFordwich	Fordwich	Ernest Harris	A. C. Hutchison
332	aStratford	Stratford	E. Denroche	J. H. Rodgers
333	aPrince Arthur	Flesherton	Thos. Henry	T. A. Blakely
334	aPrince Arthur	Arthur	G. E. Cook	Peter Greig

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256	Wed on or bef. F. M.	4	3	4		2	1	1	1			101	24 June 1918
257	1st Tuesday	14	14	12	2	1	5	4				223	" "
258	2nd Tuesday	16	10	9			3					188	27 Dec. 1917
259	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	11	9	5	2	2	1	1				117	24 June 1918
260	1st Wednesday	10	5	6	2		1	1			1	154	" "
261	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	3		1	1	1				42	" "
262	2nd Monday	5	7	8	1	2	4				1	95	" "
263	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	4			2					102	" "
264	4th Tuesday	15	16	19	1	2	4	5			1	281	" "
265	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	5		1	2				1	87	" "
266	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	5	2	1			1				52	" "
267	1st Wednesday	25	19	18		2	2	2				320	" "
268	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	4	5			1					72	" "
269	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	2			2					71	27 Dec. 1917
270	4th Tuesday	11	11	7	1							156	24 June 1918
271	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	5			1				1	61	" "
272	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	2	5			1	1			1	156	27 Dec. 1917
274	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	13	12	10	2	3						146	24 June 1918
276	4th Thursday	6	7	4	1	4						51	" "
277	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	4	1	1		2				77	" "
279	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	2			1					108	27 Dec. 1917
282	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	3		2		2					95	" "
283	Wed. aft. F. M.	13	9	10		4	3					165	24 June 1918
284	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	2			1					91	27 Dec. 1917
285	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	14	15	12	1						1	115	24 June 1918
286	1st Tuesday	11	10	7	1	2					4	117	" "
287	1st Tuesday	20	23	25	6	4	3	5				344	" "
289	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	14	10	9		1	1				2	106	" "
290	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	9	6	7	3	1	2	3				190	" "
291	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	11	7	5	1	1	2	7				111	" "
292	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	8	5	6	1							47	" "
294	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	1		2						67	" "
295	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	7	8	8	1	3	1	1				91	" "
296	Last Wednesday	13	20	12	2		1	6				177	" "
297	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	9	6	5	2		2	1			1	101	" "
299	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	2			1					64	" "
300	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	5	5								84	27 Dec. 1917
302	3rd Thursday	20	21	22	1	1	2	4			4	364	24 June 1918
303	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	4	3	4			1					95	" "
304	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1			1				2	99	27 Dec. 1917
305	4th Friday	8	6	4		2						123	24 June 1918
306	2nd Tuesday	5	5	2			2					67	" "
307	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	2		3						56	" "
309	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	2								64	" "
311	Fri. on or bef. F. M.			2			1					64	" "
312	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	10	10	2	1	1				1	153	" "
313	1st Tuesday	2	1			1	2					102	27 Dec. 1917
314	2nd Friday	7	8	7	1		1	3			1	120	24 June 1918
315	3rd Monday	3	3	2		1	1				2	56	" "
316	3rd Thursday	12	18	15	3	1	2	12			2	389	" "
318	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	2	2	1	1	2	1					30	" "
319	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	16	14	12		1		9				112	" "
320	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	8	5	7		3	1					110	" "
321	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	10	8	3	1							92	" "
322	Wed. aft. F. M.	7	2	1	2	5	2	7				196	" "
323	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	3	1	3		1				90	" "
324	2nd Tuesday	21	18	20	1	3	4				3	437	" "
325	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1	1	3	1					53	" "
326	4th Friday	13	12	9	5	2	11	2				596	" "
327	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	2	1		1						35	" "
328	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2		1						57	" "
329	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	9	8	5	2	3						72	" "
330	1st Tuesday	12	16	22	1	1	2	7				256	" "
331	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4				2						66	" "
332	2nd Monday	14	6	5	4	3	5	4				216	27 Dec. 1917
333	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	1	2	1	1	3					76	24 June 1918
334	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	2	2	2	4		3				59	" "

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
336	aHighgate	Highgate	E. A. Tolson	S. Howell
337	aMyrtle	Port Robinson	Wm. H. Vanalstine	Wm. Grisdale
338	aDufferin	Wellandport	John Lymburner	W. J. Steward
339	aOrient	Toronto	L. J. Burrows	T. F. Anderson
341	aBruce	Tiverton	J. D. Struthers	D. A. McLaren
343	aGeorgina	Toronto	John S. Crofton	Geo. Thompson
344	aMerrill	Dorchester	J. B. Sandy	J. W. Young
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Geo. H. Martin	Chas. Jackson
346	aOccident	Toronto	M. F. Smeall	C. C. Wightman
347	aMercer	Fergus	W. D. Mitchell	P. Perry
348	aGeorgian	Penetanguishene	J. D. Roderick	R. D. Keefe
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	Chas. A. Napier	J. H. Knifton
354	aBrook	Cannington	W. A. Robinson	Jos. A. Kift
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville	J. K. Morley	W. C. Hubbell
357	aWaterdown	Millgrove	O. B. Griffin	F. Poole
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	J. H. Johnston	Alex. S. Colvin
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	A. L. Hutchison	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	Elwood Foster	F. P. Warne
361	aWaverley	Guelph	J. F. Marr	Jos. A. Hewitt
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	E. J. Madill	R. J. Shannon
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	E. L. Frost	Geo. J. Stevenson
367	aSt. George	Toronto	R. B. Dargavel	Frank Saunders
368	aSalem	Brockville	D. A. Cummings	E. A. Geiger
369	aMimico	Lambton Mills	T. L. H. McGuire	Gordon Hallitt
370	aHarmony	Delta	W. J. Dowsett	J. W. Russell
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	A. E. Revell	E. C. Shane
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	N. D. Graham	John North
373	aCopestone	Welland	H. J. Foster	Thos. Main
374	aKeene	Keene	R. A. Nelson	A. D. Anderson
375	aLorne	Omeme	J. C. Cumminskey	W. J. Thorn
376	aUnity	Huntsville	Geo. Ralston	Oscar Weiler
377	aLorne	Shelburne	Samuel Patterson	J. A. Mills
378	aKing Solomon's	London	S. R. Sampson	Wm. Nicholls
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	Edward Coleman	Alex. Grant
380	aUnion	London	W. D. Macgregor	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric	Hamilton	L. A. Truman	C. V. Emory
383	aHenderson	Winchester	J. H. Miller	B. F. Smith
384	aAlpha	Toronto	Wm. W. Scholae	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry	Beeton	R. S. Brewster	W. T. Stewart
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	Dugald Turner	C. E. Mumford
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	G. H. Landon	W. F. Mitchell
388	aHenderson	Ilderton	E. E. Charlton	W. W. Taylor
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	R. R. Ralph	J. B. Love
390	aFlorence	Florence	L. R. Miller	Jas. Beatty
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	Harry Campbell	T. A. Routledge
392	aHuron	Camlachie	R. D. Delmage	A. Trusler
393	aForest	Chesley	Newton Pearson	D. G. Scott
394	aKing Solomon's	Thamesford	W. Loughin	W. W. Day
395	aParvaim	Comber	Lawrence Dean	J. W. Brown
396	aCedar	Wiarion	J. E. J. Aston	I. C. Moore
397	aLeopold	Brigden	M. Galbraith	Duncan Warren
398	aVictoria	Kirkfield	David Bruce	Wm. Jobe
399	aMoffat	Harrietsville	Geo. Craik	M. McVicar
400	aOakville	Oakville	L. M. Bray	J. A. W. Robinson
401	aCraig	Deseronto	Percy Bowen	Robt. Large
402	aCentral	Essex	S. H. Sadler	I. Middleton
403	aWindsor	Windsor	E. T. Howe	N. A. Pettit
404	aLorne	Tamworth	Rev. A. M. Little	John A. Brown
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	J. H. Spec	S. G. Richardson
406	aSpry	Penelon Falls	W. A. McFarland	F. W. Warren
408	aMurray	Beaverton	J. M. Smith	W. C. Latimer
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	Thos. Gravett	J. C. Davidson
410	aZeta	Toronto	B. F. Selby	A. O. Coutts
411	aRodney	Rodney	C. G. York	J. B. Stinson
412	aKeystone	Sault Ste. Marie	T. J. Later	E. I. Scott
413	aNaphtali	Tilbury	Robt. Shaw	W. A. Johnson
414	aPequonga	Kenora	L. D. McCallum	Norman Atkinson

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336	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	11	10	8	2	4	2	6				73	24 June 1917
337	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	4		1		1				63	" "
338	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	4	6		2		1			1	85	" "
339	1st Tuesday	14	18	25	4	5	7	7			5	378	" "
341	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	2			2					65	27 Dec. 1917
343	1st Saturday	29	24	18	1	5	6	4			1	431	24 June 1918
344	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3		1		2		1		62	" "
345	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2			1	1				74	" "
346	3rd Wednesday	53	49	45	1	4	7	12			1	456	" "
347	1st Friday	5	5	5	1	4	1	1				94	" "
348	1st Thursday	5	8	9								111	" "
352	3rd Wednesday	26	27	24	1	4	1					200	" "
354	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	3	3	1	3					1	71	" "
356	Tue. on or bef. F. M.		1			1	2	3				87	27 Dec. 1917
357	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	18	10	8		1	1					146	24 June 1918
358	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	1	1								61	" "
359	Fri. on or bef. F. M.		1									57	27 Dec. 1917
360	1st Tuesday	4	4	4	2						1	87	24 June 1918
361	4th Monday	28	27	22	6	5	2	4			1	275	27 Dec. 1917
362	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	3	2	1	2					62	24 June 1918
364	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	8	7	6	1	1	2	3			2	58	" "
367	1st Friday	23	22	22	1	3	4	4			1	409	" "
368	2nd Monday	16	12	9		1	4					216	" "
369	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	12	12	13		2	3	1			1	149	" "
370	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	4		1	1					79	" "
371	4th Friday	14	9	9		1	1	3			1	208	" "
372	1st Tuesday	5	2	1	2		2	1				117	" "
373	1st Thursday	26	26	30	1	1	1	4			2	191	" "
374	Thur. on or bef. F. M.											36	27 Dec. 1917
375	1st Thursday	2	2	4							1	78	24 June 1918
376	2nd Wednesday	4	2	4		2	1				1	120	" "
377	1st Friday	10	8	6	3	5	1	5			3	91	" "
378	2nd Thursday	10	11	12		3	6	4	1		3	263	" "
379	1st Friday	5	5	2		1	1					50	" "
380	2nd Monday	12	13	14		3	7	2			2	303	" "
382	3rd Monday	14	13	10	4	2	7	1			3	423	" "
383	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	4	1	1	2	3				97	27 Dec. 1917
384	1st Thursday	30	33	26	5	5	10	9			2	518	24 June 1918
385	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	4		6		4			1	69	" "
386	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	14	12	9		7	3	6				103	" "
387	Thur. before F. M.	2	1	2			2				1	57	" "
388	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	12	11	8			4				2	67	" "
389	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	8	5	3	1	2						60	" "
390	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	1									56	27 Dec. 1917
391	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	18	16	9		8	1	6			1	136	24 June 1918
392	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	7	5		2	2					70	" "
393	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	5		2	1	3				73	" "
394	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	16	7	4			2	1			1	80	" "
395	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	2		2					1	66	" "
396	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	8	7		3	1	5				137	" "
397	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	11	9	5								82	" "
398	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	2							1	50	" "
399	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	2			1					56	" "
400	1st Tuesday	7	12	16		2	3					178	" "
401	1st Tuesday	5	8	11	1	2	1					109	" "
402	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	4	5	3	1	1					108	" "
403	1st Friday	29	32	29	4	6	9				2	464	" "
404	Fri. on or bef. F. M.			4		2	2		2			67	" "
405	1st Tuesday		2	1			1					115	" "
406	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	2	1		2					76	" "
408	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	2	2	2	2						79	" "
409	2nd Monday	7	8	9	2	1	5				1	102	" "
410	4th Friday	15	19	20		2	2	4			1	364	" "
411	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	4			4	5			1	46	" "
412	1st Tuesday	20	14	10	5	8	5					413	" "
413	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	4	1	2	3	1			1	95	" "
414	1st Wednesday	20	23	18	3							233	" "

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No. Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
415	aFort William	Fort William	John Cooper, Jr.	J. Underhill
416	Lyn	Lyn	Aaron Sherman	M. Brown
417	aKeewatin	Keewatin	Robt. Mitchell	A. J. Holmes
418	aMaxville	Maxville	J. W. Kennedy	L. McLean
419	aBismarck	Sarnia	W. E. C. Workman	W. J. Alcock
420	Nipissing	North Bay	Thos. E. McKee	R. S. Fulcher
421	aScott	Grand Valley	E. H. Lindsay	W. L. Craig
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	M. R. Grainger	J. J. Vincent
423	aStrong	Sundridge	A. M. Stewart	A. A. Anderson
424	aDoric	Pickering	A. F. Percy	C. W. Liddle
425	aSt. Clair	Sombra	Geo. W. Watson	J. W. Burnham
426	aStanley	Toronto	J. P. McLennan	Wm. Harris
427	aNickel	Sudbury	A. A. Jackson	Jos. Fowler
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	W. R. Murray	J. W. Crozier
429	aPort Elgin	P-rt Elgin	Thos. B. McBride	Gus. Smith
430	aAcacia	Toronto	John Collins	A. K. Gregory
431	Moravian	Cargill	John Chisholm	Wm. J. Loughleen
432	Hanover	Hanover	H. A. Doubt	W. D. Staples
433	aBonnechere	Eganville	Wm. W. Watson	Jas. Reeves
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	John McPhail	Jas. H. Metcalfe
435	aHavelock	Havelock	John Howe	Rev. J. Skene
436	aBurns	Hepworth	J. E. Seaman	E. M. Good
437	aTuscan	Sarnia	L. H. Richards	W. J. Barrie
438	aHarmony	Toronto	Jas. Gorrie	W. T. Martin
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	N. M. Bellamy	Rev. D. Stewart
440	Arcadia	Minden	Wm. Ranson	S. Phillips
441	aWestport	Westport	W. D. Bresel	R. W. McDonald
442	aDymont	Thessalon	W. C. McArthur	W. A. Bridge
443	aPowassan	Powassan	Wm. Morrow	D. C. Bingham
444	aNitetis	Creemore	Wm. Whitley	John C. Lennox
445	aLake of the Woods	Kenora	John Neale	Percy E. Baker
446	aGranite	Fort Frances	F. H. Huffman	F. H. Warner
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	B. A. Bain	S. P. Boland
448	aXenophon	Wheatley	R. N. Epplatt	M. H. Chamberlain
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	W. A. Richardson	A. C. Champ
450	aHawkesbury	Hawkesbury	S. H. Rutherford	Geo. A. Cass
451	aSomerville	Kinmount	Wm. Watson	C. W. Wellstood
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	A. C. Jardine	S. E. Shaver
453	Royal	Fort William	C. J. Moors	F. C. Perry
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	F. W. Wesley	J. W. Harris
455	Doric	Little Current	John Cox	J. N. Sisson
456	Elma	Monkton	G. B. Mantion	J. S. Ellacott
457	aCentury	Merlin	John A. McPherson	A. L. Hicks
458	aWales	Wales	O. C. Pitts	Geo. D. Colquhoun
459	aCobden	Cobden	Arch. S. McLaren	F. R. Taylor
460	aRideau	Seeley's Bay	F. S. Young	C. C. Gilbert
461	aIonic	Rainy River	K. C. Grimshaw	D. K. McGregor
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	Jas. Penman	J. R. Dier
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	Robt. Johnston	H. H. Clark
464	King Edward	Sunderland	Jos. Allin	R. A. Purvis
465	aCarleton	Carp	F. H. Morrison	Geo. A. Moore
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	J. J. Preston	J. T. Foster
467	aTottenham	Tottenham	H. M. Doull	F. W. Abbott
468	Peel	Caledon East	N. F. Davidson	J. W. Phillips
469	aAlgoma	Sault Ste Marie	H. F. Goodfellow	W. T. Scott
470	aVictoria	Victoria Harbor	Levi S. Taylor	E. B. Brown
471	aKing Edward VII	Chippawa	Wm. Smeaton	G. J. Moyer
472	aGore Bay	Gore Bay	W. T. Clarke	C. C. Platt
473	aThe Beaches	Toronto	S. G. Wharin	S. J. Manchester
474	aVictoria	Toronto	Wm. J. Armstrong	G. H. Cooper
475	aDundurn	Hamilton	Robt. Buchanan	G. H. Lanigan
476	aCorinthian	North Gower	F. S. Richardson	J. H. Cryderman
477	aHarding	Woodville	W. J. Stoddart	A. E. Staback
478	aMilverton	Milverton	Geo. Roe	W. J. Zoeger
479	aRussell	Russell	Rev. J. P. McLaren	S. A. Carson
480	aWilliamsburg	Williamsburg	C. T. McIntosh	J. A. Barkley
481	aCorinthian	Toronto	F. E. Angell	Daniel Douglass

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415	2nd Wednesday	25	22	20	5	2	2	10			2	280	24 June 1918
416	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	5	12		1				1	49	"
417	1st Friday					1						89	"
418	2nd Friday	1	3	3								73	"
419	2nd Monday	6	9	6		1	2				1	90	"
420	2nd Monday	5	6	7		5	3	6				253	"
421	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	12	12	3		12	3	1				86	"
422	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	8	6	5	1	3	2					73	"
423	3rd Monday	5	6	5		12						77	"
424	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	3	1	12	2	2				50	"
425	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	2			3					97	"
426	1st Tuesday	30	25	21	2	12	6	2			2	360	"
427	1st Wednesday	11	15	15		4	3	16			1	249	"
428	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	8		5	2	1				140	"
429	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1		2	2					58	"
430	3rd Monday	12	18	20	2	2	3	6				232	"
431	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	1	1	1			1	12			1	48	"
432	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	4	5	4	2	2	2					76	"
433	2nd Monday	9	9	9	1	4		6			1	73	"
434	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	11	20	8			1				2	105	"
435	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	8	5		6		2			2	145	"
436	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	6	4	4			1					42	"
437	3rd Wednesday	6	15	19	2	1	4	8				293	"
438	4th Monday	16	21	21	2	7	3				1	459	"
439	1st Tuesday	1	1					2			1	63	"
440	Fri. on or bef. F. M.			1		1	1					70	"
441	1st Friday	2	2	1								76	27 Dec. 1917
442	2nd Thursday	11	6	5	1		2					99	24 June 1918
443	2nd Friday		1	1		2	1	2				64	27 Dec. 1917
444	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	6	7	5	1	3		2			2	83	24 June 1918
445	2nd Wednesday	6	6	5	1	1	2	6			1	58	"
446	1st Tuesday	5	5	5	1		1	4				99	"
447	2nd Monday	4	1	1				4				87	"
448	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2	1	1		2			1	55	"
449	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	10	6	3		4						65	"
450	Thursday bef. F. M.	4	4	4		3		4			1	73	"
451	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	4		2	1					59	"
452	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	3	2	1		1					111	"
453	1st Wednesday	15	13	11		5	2	4			4	152	"
454	1st Monday	2	2	3	1	2	1					83	27 Dec. 1917
455	2nd Tuesday	3	2	1		4	2	1			1	85	24 June 1918
456	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	4		2	1					57	"
457	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	12	11	9	1	1	1					68	"
458	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	4	5	3		2	3	3			1	87	"
459	2nd Tuesday	11	10	11		3	1	2				99	"
460	Thur. on or bef. F. M.			1								65	27 Dec. 1917
461	1st Thursday	6	7	3		2						82	24 June 1918
462	3rd Thursday	19	18	17	3	6	2				1	170	"
463	3th Friday	4	3	2		4						50	"
464	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	2								75	"
465	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	11	10	3	1						69	"
466	1st Friday	4	5	4	1	3		1				83	"
467	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	3	2	1		3	2					57	"
468	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	5	3	3		3	1					78	"
469	2nd Monday	18	22	20	6	3	3	9				211	27 Dec. 1917
470	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	4		8	2				3	132	24 June 1918
471	1st Wednesday	6	5	5	1							60	"
472	1st Wednesday	7	4	4	1		1					80	"
473	2nd Friday	18	13	12	4	8	2	1				233	"
474	3rd Tuesday	23	17	15	3	4	1	4			1	275	"
475	3rd Saturday	37	58	58	8	2	1	8			1	312	"
476	Fri. on or before M. F.	6	3	1		3	1					72	"
477	Fri. on or before M. F.				1							68	"
478	Mon. on or bef. M. F.	4	3	3		2		1				70	27 Dec. 1917
479	Mon. on or aft. M. F.	5	4	5	1			1				107	24 June 1918
480	Thur. on or bef. M. F.	5	4	3				4				48	"
481	4th Monday	23	31	36	2	3	3	4				195	"

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1918,

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
482	aBancroft	Bancroft	I. A. Eby	D. H. Morrison
483	aGranton	Granton	A. D. Hodgins	T. S. Hill
484	aGolden Star	Dryden	D. G. Dingwall	F. P. Matthews
485	aHaileybury	Haileybury	E. W. Dunnett	A. Brian
486	aSilver	Cobalt	R. D. Devlin	F. Cassie
487	aPenewobikong	Blind River	Jos. Glanville	F. Y. W. Brathwaite
488	aKing Edward	Harrow	H. C. Arner	G. E. Johnston
489	aOsiris	Smith's Falls	H. S. Coombs	H. A. Ross
490	aHiram	Markdale	H. C. Duff	Balm Brady
491	aCardinal	Cardinal	G. A. Payne	Wm. Clark
492	aKarnak	Coldwater	John L. Shields	C. G. Millard
493	aSt. Marys	St. Marys	C. E. Richardson	T. L. Sinclair
494	aRiverdale	Toronto	David Coleman	J. W. Malcolm
495	aElectric	Hamilton	H. E. Warner	W. F. Montague
496	aUniversity	Toronto	C. H. C. Wright	P. W. Rogers
497	aSt. Andrew's	Arden	W. W. Hill	F. L. Wormworth
498	aKing George V	Coboconk	Chas. M. Adams	Chas. M. Callan
499	aPort Arthur	Port Arthur	R. L. Bell	A. Rome
500	aRose	Windsor	Wm. J. Beasley	M. P. McMaster
501	aConnaught	Mimico	E. J. Hutchins	Geo. S. Brown
502	aCoronation	Smithville	John H. Patterson	Fred. Boulter
503	aInwood	Inwood	John W. Johnston	W. R. Dawson
504	aOtter	Lombardy	W. J. McSpadden	Clark Nicholls
505	aLynden	Lynden	M. Stenabaugh	Wm. A. Smith
506	aPorcupine	Porcupine	R. E. Sullivan	C. E. Hall
507	aElk Lake	Elk Lake	M. D. Kennedy	H. C. Harvey
508	aOzias	Brantford	A. S. Towers	F. W. Benedict
509	aTwin City	Kitchener	O. Rumpel	Geo. DeKleinhaus
510	aParkdale	Toronto	Arthur Fry	W. L. Amiraux
511	aConnaught	W. Fort William	N. B. Darrell	A. R. Mills
512	aMalone	Sutton West	S. Brown	O. J. Silver
513	aCorinthian	Hamilton	F. R. Martin	J. R. Croft
514	aSt. Albans	Toronto	H. S. McHenry	J. L. Davidson
515	aReba	Brantford	Frank S. Blain	D. E. Russell
516	aEnterprise	Beachburg	A. M. McLean	P. C. Creggan
517	aHazeldean	Hazeldean	Armer Gracey	A. O. Logan
518	aSioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	J. W. Walsh	R. E. Reid
519	aOnondaga	Onondaga	Arthur Barton	C. W. Burrill
520	aCoronati	Toronto	Percival J. Lee	J. T. Stephenson
521	aOntario	Windsor	Wm. J. Turner	J. T. Thomson
522	aMt. Sinai	Toronto	A. L. Tinker	C. E. Garrard
523	aRoyal Arthur	Peterborough	E. B. Fowler	W. H. Walkey
524	aMississauga	Port Credit	Wm. S. Gibson	D. G. Hardie
525	aTemple	Toronto	John Marr	G. G. Elliott
526	aIonic	Westboro'	Wm. J. Cairns	Thos. Saunders
527	aEspanola	Espanola	H. C. McEwen	D. H. Parker
528	aGolden Beaver	Timmins	Geo. R. Varey	S. W. Otton
529	aMyra	Komoka	Colin McKinley	J. H. Stuart
530	aCochrane	Cochrane	H. J. Brown	E. Robinson
531	aHigh Park	Toronto	E. A. Blackhall	R. B. Magill
532	aCanada	Toronto	F. A. Gibbons	Fred Busted
533	aShamrock	Toronto	S. Hamilton	H. J. Lamont
534	aEnglehart	Englehart	Jas. Paterson	C. H. Ham
535	aPhoenix	Fonthill	W. L. Armitage	S. B. Brush, Jr.
536	aAlgonquin	Copper Cliff	Jas. W. Rawlins	Ed. H. Orser
537	aUlster	Toronto	A. G. Horwood	John Ferguson
538	aEarl Kitchener	Port McNicholl	I. S. Wardell	Wm. Stephenson
539	aWaterloo	Waterloo	C. O. Hemphill	A. H. Cochrane
540	aAbitibi	Iroquois Falls	F. K. Ebbitt	R. E. Morton
541	aTuscan	Toronto	John Boyd	Lorne Henderson
UD	aMetropolitan	Toronto	J. A. Rowland	E. A. James
UD	aImperial	Toronto	A. B. Crosby	
UD	aLincoln	Abingdon	Jos. F. Senn	

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED—Continued.

No. of Lode	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	Suspen- N. F. D.	Suspen- U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
482	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	10	12	13	1	1						130	24 June, 1918
483	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	5								56	
484	2nd Tuesday	3	4	5		1		3				73	
485	1st Thursday	10	10	7	3	4	1				3	166	
486	1st Monday	15	16	14	2	4		1				213	
487	2nd Monday *	3	5	5		1	2					68	
488	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	12	10		2		2				86	27 Dec. 1917
489	2nd Tuesday	8	7	8	1	3						95	24 June 1918
490	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	1		1	3	2				41	
491	2nd Tuesday	4	4	2	1	2						70	
492	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	8	8	7		4	1					71	
493	4th Monday	12	11	9	2	1	1					95	
494	4th Friday	25	24	21	3	8	1	3			2	249	
495	3rd Wednesday	48	51	49	3	4	2					321	
496	4th Thursday	22	22	25	13	3	1					207	
497	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	13	2							1	69	27 Dec. 1917
498	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	4			1					47	24 June 1918
499	2nd Monday	24	21	21	3							190	
500	3rd Tuesday	5	5	7	1		2					81	
501	2nd Thursday	19	17	16	4	3		1				127	
502	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	4	6	4	2	1	4					54	
503	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	10	12	9								63	
504	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	1			2						36	
505	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	8	7	6		1						74	
506	1st Thursday	6	5	4		4	1					122	
507	2nd Friday	4	2	5			2					80	
508	3rd Tuesday	10			1							68	
509	4th Friday	17	17	12	1	5		1				110	
510	2nd Friday	21	15	11		3						121	
511	3rd Monday	20	34	23	9	3		1				91	
512	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	10	7	8		2						72	
513	4th Thursday	56	48	43	2		2	2				223	
514	3rd Monday	33	29	16	2	3	1	4				216	
515	2nd Friday	29	27	41	2		1				1	149	
516	1st Monday	2	4	5			1					60	27 Dec. 1917
517	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	13	13	1		1					61	24 June 1918
518	1st Monday	9	7	2			1	1	1			94	
519	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3				1				49	
520	2nd Tuesday	19	13	11	2	7	5					220	
521	1st and 3rd Monday	35	39	38	3							167	
522	2nd Tuesday	27	28	30	2							120	
523	1st Monday	4	5	6	3							72	
524	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	15	5	8	5		1					62	
525	4th Tuesday	31	29	26	4							123	
526	2nd Wednesday	17	9	10	2	1		1				99	
527	1st Wednesday	4	5	4	1			1				42	
528	2nd Wednesday	6	4	2	2							80	27 Dec. 1917
529	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2										37	
530	2nd Friday	7	2	1	4							54	24 June 1918
531	3rd Thursday	22	32	24	2	5	2					267	
532	1st Friday	20	16	20	3	1	1					135	
533	3rd Tuesday	28	28	31	3	2	1					199	
534	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	10	5	7	4							61	
535	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	4	2	2		1		1				51	
536	3rd Tuesday	21	23	19	2	1	1					62	
537	1st Monday	68	77	71	13		1					156	
538	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	6	4	39							48	
539	1st Wednesday	17	15	14	35							52	
540	3rd Friday	23	17	7	26							49	
541	3rd Friday	31	9		61	1						91	
UD	4th Wednesday				16							16	
UD	4th Monday												
UD	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	4588	4267	3931	748	808	806	672	5	1	252	66457	

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1 (16 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Wells, Sandwich.

No. 34—Thistle	Amherstburg	No. 402—Central	Essex
No. 41—St. George's.....	Kingsville	No. 403—Windsor..	Windsor
No. 46—Wellington.....	Chatham	No. 413—Naphthali	Tilbury
No. 47—Great Western	Windsor	No. 448—Xenophon	Wheatley
No. 267—Parthenon	Chatham	No. 457—Century	Merlin
No. 274—Kent	Blenheim	No. 488—King Edward	Harrow
No. 290—Leamington	Leamington	No. 500—Rose	Windsor
No. 395—Parvaim	Comber	No. 521—Ontario	Windsor

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1a (18 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Robert Pye, Thamesville.

No. 44—St. Thomas	St. Thomas	No. 302—St. David's	St. Thomas
No. 94—St. Mark's	Port Stanley	No. 327—Hammond	Wardsville
No. 120—Warren	Fingal	No. 336—Highgate	Highgate
No. 140—Malahide	Aylmer	No. 364—Dufferin	Melbourne
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.		No. 386—McColl	West Lorne
No. 232—Cameron	Dutton	No. 390—Florence	Florence
No. 245—Tecumseh	Thamesville	No. 391—Howard	Ridgetown
No. 255—Sydenham	Dresden	No. 411—Rodney	Rodney
No. 282—Lorne	Glencoe	No. 422—Star of the East....	Bothwell

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 2 (21 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. James Hamilton, Petrolia.

No. 56—Victoria	Sarnia	No. 307—Arkona	Arkona
No. 81—St. John's	Mt. Brydges	No. 312—Pnyx	Wallaceburg
No. 83—Beaver	Strathroy	No. 323—Alvinston	Alvinston
No. 116—Cassia	Thedford	No. 328—Ionic	Napier
No. 153—Burns	Wyoming	No. 392—Huron	Camlachie
No. 158—Alexandra	Oil Springs	No. 397—Leopold	Brigden
No. 194—Petrolia	Petrolia	No. 419—Bismarck	Sarnia
No. 238—Havelock	Watford	No. 425—St. Clair	Sombra
No. 260—Washington	Petrolia	No. 437—Tuscan	Sarnia
No. 263—Forest	Forest	No. 503—Inwood	Inwood
No. 294—Moore	Courtright		

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3 (20 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Neil McGill, London.

No. 20—St. John's	London	No. 344—Merrill	Dorchester St
No. 42—St. George's	London	No. 345—Nilestown	Nilestown
No. 64—Kilwinning	London	No. 358—Delaware Valley	Delaware
No. 107—St. Paul's	Lambeth	No. 378—King Solomon's	London
No. 190—Belmont	Belmont	No. 379—Middlesex	Bryanston
No. 195—Tuscan	London	No. 380—Union	London
No. 209a—St. John's	London	No. 388—Henderson	Iderton
No. 289—Doric	Lobo	No. 394—King Solomon	Thamesford
No. 300—Mount Olivet	Thorndale	No. 399—Moffatt	Harrietsville
No. 330—Corinthian	London	No. 529—Myra	Komoka

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4 (17 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Hugh E. Rorke, Clinton.

No. 33—Maitland	Goderich	No. 233—Doric	Parkhill
No. 73—St. James	St. Marys	No. 303—Blyth	Blyth
No. 84—Clinton	Clinton	No. 309—Morning Star	Carlow
No. 133—Lebanon Forest	Exeter	No. 332—Stratford	Stratford
No. 141—Tudor	Mitchell	No. 456—Elma	Monkton
No. 144—Tecumseh	Stratford	No. 478—Milverton	Milverton
No. 154—Irving	Lucan	No. 483—Granton	Granton
No. 170—Britannia	Seaforth	No. 493—St. Marys	St. Marys
No. 224—Zurich	Hensall		

NORTH HURON DISTRICT No 5 (10 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Morrison, Kincardine.

No. 93—Northern Light ..Kincardine	No. 284—St. John's .....Brussels
No. 162—Forest .....Wroxeter	No. 286—Wingham .....Wingham
No. 184—Old Light .....Lucknow	No. 314—Blair .....Palmerston
No. 225—Bernard .....Listowel	No. 331—Fordwich .....Fordwich
No. 276—Teeswater .....Teeswater	No. 341—Bruce .....Tiverton

WILSON DISTRICT No. 6 (18 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Harry A. Johnson, Simcoe.

No. 10—Norfolk .....Simcoe	No. 174—Walsingham .....Port Rowan
No. 37—King Hiram .....Ingersoll	No. 178—Plattsville .....Plattsville
No. 43—King Solomon's....Woodstock	No. 181—Oriental .....Port Burwell
No. 68—St. John's .....Ingersoll	No. 217—Frederick .....Delhi
No. 76—Oxford .....Woodstock	No. 237—Vienna .....Vienna
No. 78—King Hiram .....Tillsonburg	No. 250—Thistle .....Embro
No. 104—St. John's .....Norwich	No. 259—Springfield .....Springfield
No. 108—Blenheim .....Princeton	No. 261—Oak Branch .....Innerkip
No. 149—Erie .....Port Dover	No. 359—Vittoria .....Vittoria

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7 (18 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. C. Rundle, Guelph.

No. 72—Alma .....Galt	No. 279—New Hope .....Hespeler
No. 151—Grand River .....Berlin	No. 295—Conestogo .....Drayton
No. 172—Ayr .....Ayr	No. 297—Preston .....Preston
No. 180—Speed .....Guelph	No. 318—Wilmot .....Baden
No. 203—Irvine .....Elora	No. 321—Walker .....Acton
No. 205—New Dom'ion. New Hamburg	No. 347—Mercer .....Fergus
No. 219—Credit .....Georgetown	No. 361—Waverley .....Guelph
No. 257—Galt .....Galt	No. 509—Twin City .....Berlin
No. 258—Guelph .....Guelph	No. 539—Waterloo .....Waterloo

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8 (20 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John G. Gauld, Hamilton.

No. 6—The Barton .....Hamilton	No. 185—Enniskillen .....York
No. 27—Strict Observance.....Hamilton	No. 272—Seymour .....Ancaster
No. 40—St. John's .....Hamilton	No. 291—Dufferin .....W. Flamboro
No. 57—Harmony .....Binbrook	No. 324—Temple .....Hamilton
No. 61—Acacia .....Hamilton	No. 357—Waterdown .....Millgrove
No. 62—St. Andrew's .....Caledonia	No. 382—Doric .....Hamilton
No. 100—Valley .....Dundas	No. 400—Oakville .....Oakville
No. 135—St. Clair .....Milton	No. 475—Dundurn .....Hamilton
No. 165—Burlington .....Burlington	No. 495—Electric .....Hamilton
No. 166—Wentworth .....Stoney Creek	No. 513—Corinthian .....Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9 (19 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Chas. T. Stephens, Collingwood.

No. 90—Manito .....Collingwood	No. 304—Minerva .....Stroud
No. 96—Corinthian .....Barrie	No. 348—Georgian .....Penetanguishene
No. 137—Pythagoras .....Meaford	No. 385—Spry .....Beeton
No. 192—Orillia .....Orillia	No. 444—Nitets .....Creemore
No. 230—Kerr .....Barrie	No. 466—Coronation .....Elmvale
No. 234—Beaver .....Clarksburg	No. 467—Tottenham .....Tottenham
No. 236—Manitoba .....Cookstown	No. 470—Victoria .....Victoria Harbour
No. 249—Caledonian .....Midland	No. 492—Karnak .....Coldwater
No. 266—Northern Light .....Stayner	No. 538—Earl Kitchener, Pt. McNicoll
No. 285—Seven Star .....Alliston	

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 10 (21 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Maclean, St. Catharines.

No. 2—Niagara	Niagara	No. 277—Seymour	Port Dalhousie
No. 7—Union	Grimby	No. 296—Temple	St. Catharines
No. 15—St. George's	St. Catharines	No. 337—Myrtle	Port Robinson
No. 32—Amity	Dunnville	No. 338—Dufferin	Wellandport
No. 103—Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	No. 372—Palmer	Bridgeburg
No. 105—St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	No. 373—Copestone	Welland
No. 115—Ivy	Beamsville	No. 471—King Edward VII, Chippawa	
No. 168—Merritt	Welland	No. 502—Coronation	Smithville
No. 169—Macnab	Port Colborne	No. 535—Phoenix	Fonthill
No. 221—Mountain	Thorold	U.D. —Lincoln	Abingdon
No. 254—Clifton	Niagara Falls		

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 11 (23 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John B. Brennan, Toronto.

No. 98—True Blue	Bolton	No. 474—Victoria	Toronto
No. 229—Ionic	Brampton	No. 496—University	Toronto
No. 305—Humber	Weston	No. 501—Connaught	Mimico
No. 311—Blackwood	Woodbridge	No. 510—Parkdale	Toronto
No. 346—Occident	Toronto	No. 522—Mount Sinai	Toronto
No. 356—River Park	Streetsville	No. 524—Mississauga	Port Credit
No. 367—St. George	Toronto	No. 525—Temple	Toronto
No. 369—Mimico	Lambton Mills	No. 531—High Park	Toronto
No. 384—Alpha	Toronto	No. 533—Shamrock	Toronto
No. 410—Zeta	Toronto	No. 537—Ulster	Toronto
No. 426—Stanley	Toronto	No. 541—Tuscan	Toronto
No. 468—Peel	Caledon East		

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 11a (20 Lodges)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John A. Graham, Toronto.

No. 16—St. Andrew's	Toronto	No. 343—Georgina	Toronto
No. 25—Ionic	Toronto	No. 354—Brock	Cannington
No. 75—St. John's	Toronto	No. 424—Doric	Pickering
No. 87—Markham Union	Markham	No. 430—Acacia	Toronto
No. 136—Richardson	Stouffville	No. 464—King Edward	Sunderland
No. 218—Stevenson	Toronto	No. 473—The Beaches	Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha	Uxbridge	No. 494—Riverdale	Toronto
No. 269—Brongham Union	Claremont	No. 520—Coronati	Toronto
No. 316—Doric	Toronto	No. 532—Canada	Toronto
No. 339—Orient	Toronto	U.D. —Imperial	Toronto

TORONTO CENTRE DISTRICT No. 11b (20 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Edgar A. James, Thornhill.

No. 22—King Solomon's	Toronto	No. 156—York	Toronto
No. 23—Richmond	Richmond Hill	No. 247—Ashlar	Toronto
No. 54—Vaughan	Maple	No. 265—Patterson	Thornhill
No. 65—Rehoboam	Toronto	No. 292—Robertson	King
No. 79—Simcoe	Bradford	No. 326—Zetland	Toronto
No. 86—Wilson	Toronto	No. 438—Harmony	Toronto
No. 97—Sharon	Queensville	No. 481—Corinthian	Toronto
No. 99—Tuscan	Newmarket	No. 512—Malone	Sutton West
No. 118—Union	Schomberg	No. 514—St. Alban's	Toronto
No. 129—Rising Sun	Aurora	U.D. —Metropolitan	Toronto

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12 (17 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Chas. Thorndyke, Millbrook.

No. 17—St. John's	Cobourg	No. 145—J. B. Hall	Millbrook
No. 26—Ontario	Port Hope	No. 161—Percy	Warkworth
No. 30—Composite	Whitby	No. 223—Norwood	Norwood
No. 31—Jerusalem	Bowmanville	No. 270—Cedar	Oshawa
No. 39—Mount Zion	Brooklin	No. 325—Orono	Orono
No. 66—Durham	Newcastle	No. 374—Keene	Keene
No. 91—Colborne	Colborne	No. 428—Fidelity	Port Perry
No. 114—Hope	Port Hope	No. 435—Havelock	Havelock
No. 139—Lebanon	Oshawa		

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 13 (17 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Rev. E. W. Pickford, Brighton.

No. 11—Moira	Belleville	No. 127—Frank	Frankford
No. 18—Prince Edward	Pictou	No. 164—Star in the East, Wellington	
No. 29—United	Brighton	No. 215—Lake	Ameliasburg
No. 38—Trent	Trenton	No. 222—Marmora	Marmora
No. 48—Madoc	Madoc	No. 239—Tweed	Tweed
No. 50—Consecon	Consecon	No. 283—Eureka	Belleville
No. 69—Stirling	Stirling	No. 401—Craig	Deseronto
No. 123—Belleville	Belleville	No. 482—Bancroft	Bancroft
No. 126—Golden Rule	Campbellford		

FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14 (15 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Campbell, Kingston.

No. 3—Ancient St. John's, Kingston		No. 228—Prince Arthur	Odessa
No. 9—Union	Napanee	No. 253—Minden	Kingston
No. 92—Cataraqui	Kingston	No. 299—Victoria	Centreville
No. 109—Albion	Harrowsmith	No. 401—Lorne	Tamworth
No. 119—Maple Leaf	Bath	No. 441—Westport	Westport
No. 146—Prince of Wales, Newburgh		No. 460—Rideau	Seeley's Bay
No. 157—Simpson	Newboro	No. 497—St. Andrew's	Arden
No. 201—Leeds	Gananoque		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 15 (14 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. E. Hicks, Perth.

No. 5—Sussex	Brockville	No. 368—Salem	Brockville
No. 14—True Britons	Perth	No. 370—Harmony	Delta
No. 24—St. Francis	Smiths Falls	No. 387—Lansdowne	Lansdowne
No. 55—Merrickville	Merrickville	No. 389—Crystal F'ntain, N. Augusta	
No. 74—St. James	South Augusta	No. 416—Lyn	Lyn
No. 85—Rising Sun	Athens	No. 489—Osiris	Smith's Falls
No. 242—Macoy	Mallorytown	No. 504—Otter	Lombardy

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 16 (22 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John H. Putman, Ottawa.

No. 52—Dalhousie	Ottawa	No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa
No. 58—Doric	Ottawa	No. 264—Chaudiere	Ottawa
No. 63—St. John's	Carleton Place	No. 371—Prince of Wales	Ottawa
No. 122—Renfrew	Renfrew	No. 433—Bonnehochere	Eganville
No. 128—Pembroke	Pembroke	No. 459—Cobden	Cobden
No. 147—Mississippi	Almonte	No. 465—Carleton	Carp
No. 148—Civil Service	Ottawa	No. 476—Corinthian	North Gower
No. 159—Goodwood	Richmond	No. 479—Russell	Russell
No. 177—The Builders	Ottawa	No. 516—Enterprise	Beachburg
No. 196—Madawaska	Arnprior	No. 517—Hazeldean	Hazeldean
No. 209—Evergreen	Lanark	No. 526—Ionic	Westboro

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 17 (12 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. W. Brown, Fort William.

No. 287—Shuniah	Port Arthur	No. 453—Royal	Fort William
No. 414—Peguona	Kenora	No. 461—Ionic	Rainy River
No. 415—Fort William	Fort William	No. 484—Golden Star	Dryden
No. 417—Keewatin	Keewatin	No. 499—Port Arthur	Port Arthur
No. 445—Lake of the Woods	Kenora	No. 511—Connaught	W. Fort William
No. 446—Granite	Fort Frances	No. 518—Sioux Lookout, Sioux Looko't	

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18 (12 Lodges).

D. G. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Alvin E. Graham, Gore Bay.

No. 405—Mattawa	Mattawa	No. 455—Doric	Little Current
No. 412—Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	No. 469—Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie
No. 420—Nipissing	North Bay	No. 472—Gore Bay	Gore Bay
No. 427—Nickel	Sudbury	No. 487—Penewobikong	Blind River
No. 442—Dymont	Thessalon	No. 527—Espanola	Espanola
No. 447—Sturgeon Falls.....	St'rg'n Falls	No. 536—Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff

MUSKOKA DISTRICT No. 19 (8 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Milton H. Limbert, Parry Sound.

No. 352—Granite	Parry Sound	No. 423—Strong	Sundridge
No. 360—Muskoka	Bracebridge	No. 434—Algonquin	Emsdale
No. 376—Unity	Huntsville	No. 443—Powassan	Powassan
No. 409—Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	No. 454—Corona	Burk's Falls

VICTORIA DISTRICT No. 20 (15 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Edward Fitzgerald, Fenelon Falls.

No. 77—Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	No. 408—Murray	Beaverton
No. 101—Corinthian	Peterborough	No. 440—Arcadia	Minden
No. 155—Peterborough, Peterborough		No. 451—Somerville	Kinmount
No. 268—Vernulam	Bobcaygeon	No. 463—North Entrance	Haliburton
No. 313—Clementi	Lakefield	No. 477—Harding	Woodville
No. 375—Lorne	Omeme	No. 498—King George V.....	Cobocouk
No. 398—Victoria	Kirkfield	No. 523—Royal Arthur	Peterborough
No. 406—Spry	Fenelon Falls		

EASTERN DISTRICT No. 21 (18 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Aaron Sweet, Winchelsea.

No. 21a—St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 320—Chesterville	Chesterville
No. 28—Mount Zion	Kemptville	No. 383—Henderson	Winchester
No. 110—Central	Prescott	No. 418—Maxville	Maxville
No. 125—Cornwall	Cornwall	No. 439—Alexandria	Alexandria
No. 142—Excelsior	Morrisburg	No. 450—Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury
No. 143—Friendly Brothers, Iroquois		No. 452—Avonmore	Avonmore
No. 186—Plantagenet.....	Riceville	No. 458—Wales	Wales
No. 207—Lancaster	Lancaster	No. 480—Williamsburg, Williamsburg	
No. 256—Farran's Point	Aultsville	No. 491—Cardinal	Cardinal

TEMISCAMING DISTRICT No. 22 (9 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. David John, Haileybury.

No. 462—Temiscaming New Liskeard		No. 528—Golden Beaver	Timmins
No. 485—Haileybury	Haileybury	No. 530—Cochrane	Cochrane
No. 486—Silver	Cobalt	No. 534—Englehart	Englehart
No. 506—Porcupine.....	Porcupine	No. 540—Abitibi	Iroquois Falls
No. 507—Elk Lake	Elk Lake		

BRANT DISTRICT No. 23 (14 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. B. Scace, Brantford.

No. 35—St. John's	Cayuga	No. 243—St. George	St. George
No. 45—Brant	Brantford	No. 319—Hiram	Hagersville
No. 82—St. John's	Paris	No. 329—King Solomon.....	Jarvis
No. 106—Burford	Burford	No. 505—Lynden	Lynden
No. 113—Wilson	Waterford	No. 508—Ozias	Brantford
No. 121—Doric	Brantford	No. 515—Reba	Brantford
No. 193—Scotland	Scotland	No. 519—Onondaga	Onondaga

BRUCE DISTRICT No. 24 (12 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Nelson Morrell, Harriston.

No. 131—St. Lawrence..... Southampton	No. 393—Forest .....Chesley
No. 197—Saugeen .....Walkerton	No. 396—Cedar .....Warton
No. 235—Aldworth .....Paisley	No. 429—Port Elgin .....Port Elgin
No. 262—Harriston .....Harriston	No. 431—Moravian .....Cargill
No. 315—Clifford .....Clifford	No. 432—Hanover .....Hanover
No. 362—Maple Leaf .....Tara	No. 436—Burns .....Hepworth

GREY DISTRICT No. 25 (12 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Henry White, Shelburne.

No. 88—St. George's ..Owen Sound	No. 333—Prince Arthur .....Flesherton
No. 200—St. Alban's ....Mount Forest	No. 334—Prince Arthur .....Arthur
No. 216—Harris .....Orangeville	No. 377—Lorne .....Shelburne
No. 271—Wellington .....Erin	No. 421—Scott .....Grand Valley
No. 306—Durham .....Durham	No. 449—Dundalk .....Dundalk
No. 322—North Star ....Owen Sound	No. 490—Hiram .....Markdale

RECAPITULATION

No. 1—Erie District.....	16 Lodges
No. 1a—Erie District.....	18 Lodges
No. 2—St. Clair District.....	21 Lodges
No. 3—London District.....	20 Lodges
No. 4—South Huron District.....	17 Lodges
No. 5—North Huron District.....	10 Lodges
No. 6—Wilson District.....	18 Lodges
No. 7—Wellington District.....	18 Lodges
No. 8—Hamilton District.....	20 Lodges
No. 9—Georgian District.....	19 Lodges
No. 10—Niagara District.....	21 Lodges
No. 11—Toronto West District.....	23 Lodges
No. 11a—Toronto East District.....	20 Lodges
No. 11b—Toronto Centre District.....	20 Lodges
No. 12—Ontario District.....	17 Lodges
No. 13—Prince Edward District.....	17 Lodges
No. 14—Frontenac District.....	15 Lodges
No. 15—St. Lawrence District.....	14 Lodges
No. 16—Ottawa District.....	22 Lodges
No. 17—Algoma District.....	12 Lodges
No. 18—Nipissing District.....	12 Lodges
No. 19—Muskoka District.....	8 Lodges
No. 20—Victoria District.....	15 Lodges
No. 21—Eastern District.....	18 Lodges
No. 22—Temiscaming District.....	9 Lodges
No. 23—Brant District.....	14 Lodges
No. 24—Bruce District.....	12 Lodges
No. 25—Grey District.....	12 Lodges

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D., 1917-1918.

5—W. Cross, H. F. Laughlin, A. L. Murray, G. B. Murphy, C. R. Pickett. 6—L. Munro, L. T. Pemberton. 10—J. E. Blazney, J. Lever, W. H. Fairchilds, E. L. Roberts, W. H. Stalker. 11—A. Skinner, I. Thompson. 17—A. J. Anderson, W. T. Baird. 20—J. Alderson, J. W. Brown, C. H. Hoffman, F. G. L. Moore. 22—C. G. Linc, C. L. Morris, G. Reaves. 24—F. Scatterfield, E. Storey, A. Maynes, R. Uglow. 26—R. Graham. 27—S. Cummings, H. C. Way. 32—M. Schier, W. F. Scott, W. J. Skittion, Jr., J. Dean, R. J. Parry, J. H. Armstrong, R. McCombs, L. Miskins. 34—F. M. Haynes. 37—J. B. McLaren. 39—J. Vipond, J. W. Thompson. 40—W. Ross. 40—B. Leckie, D. Moore, A. T. Medford, W. Proctor, A. Rodgers. A. M. Robson, J. E. Stevens, G. H. Thompson, E. J. Wheatley, S. L. Haslar, G. A. Montigue. 41—J. L. Manders, N. E. Dowler. 42—J. H. Copps, F. H. Campbell. 44—R. A. Robins, E. A. Hill, W. G. McCatty. 45—H. H. Ellis, A. E. Burke, L. H. Shepley. 46—H. E. Whately, R. P. Allin, W. J. Spence. 52—H. Arden, R. B. Gellatly, W. J. Hempill, W. R. McCallum, G. Pillar, A. Whitefield, S. G. M. Welch. 58—L. W. Reade. 61—W. F. Simpson, D. A. Hogan, J. D. Robertson. 62—G. R. Howard. 64—B. C. Budd, B. Braack, F. G. Brenton, F. H. Walker, D. Gillett, G. Rice, W. G. McCulloch. 65—W. Connerly, J. H. Copp, C. G. Devlin, R. Embree, W. P. Leeder. 66—A. J. Bennett, W. T. Rutherford, W. J. Terry, W. Wilson. 68—J. S. Clarke, J. McKinley. 75—A. J. Coniam, J. A. McMichael, F. Marks, W. H. Mitchell, A. G. Ritchie. 76—A. M. Cusack, J. M. Manser, J. McDonald, J. G. Reid, R. H. Constable, A. A. Clarke. 79—J. G. Gray. 83—R. McClelland, H. E. Endicott, J. F. Buttery. 84—R. Graham, F. Oneil, C. E. Dowding, W. McConnell, W. L. Rutledge. 91—C. W. Crandell, P. W. Brown, G. Elliott, H. Hicks, W. S. R. Wilson. 93—R. L. Collins, P. A. McDougall, J. Crawford. 94—F. R. Dale, J. C. Austin. 96—W. J. Shannon, D. S. Saddy, J. T. Emmes, J. T. Grant, W. S. Westney, J. N. Hobley, G. B. Humphrey, N. H. Hodgins, D. N. Morrison. 98—W. G. Dick, E. G. Hanna, F. Williamson. 100—N. Elliott. 101—G. D. Edwards, D. C. King, H. P. Morgan. 104—F. W. Davis. 107—C. A. Kalns, A. F. Brooks, A. Davey, H. E. Baker. 115—W. Pirie, G. W. Bowman, A. C. Rae, J. Steven, J. H. Rittenhouse, M. D. Moyer, R. G. McCauley, T. R. Gilmore, R. A. Gibson. 118—J. Thompson, W. J. Calhoun. 121—L. Anguish, N. J. Gowland, F. Gayton, F. W. Haynes, C. H. Herod, R. Lee, W. F. Miner, D. McLean, J. G. Scott, J. Gravelle, F. E. Weaver. 122—G. Dougall, G. W. Thacka. 137—J. Topp. 140—W. M. Hough, F. H. Miher, J. P. Harrah. 141—W. A. Hurlbert, A. McD. Murray, R. G. Thompson. 142—H. K. Bradfield, C. D. Bouck. 143—M. E. Barclay, D. Mick, A. A. Serviss, W. H. Shaver. 144—E. W. Forsbery, A. J. Facey, C. H. Smith. 145—W. Parnell, B. Raper. 151—A. B. Campbell. 156—J. S. Dickson, E. P. Gibson, R. J. Bull. 162—P. S. McEwen, J. W. Rattenbury, J. Stewart, J. E. Barton, A. Stewart. 165—C. McDonald. 171—A. Crossin, E. C. Bodkin, J. A. Fryer, T. Bull, D. K. McLellan, A. D. McLellan, A. F. Scott, T. J. Kerr, C. Killens, J. Brooks, D. E. Campbell, J. A. Turnbull, D. J. Galbraith. 174—W. Ostrander, W. Frayer, D. Russell. 177—E. R. Jackson. 180—J. P. Gordon, H. K. Anthony. 181—L. VanOrder. 185—J. Kerr, J. Martindale, G. Reed, F. Spencer, T. Leishman, W. A. Tomlinson, W. J. Renshaw. 186—C. F. Proudfoot, F. F. Downing, W. N. Smith, E. Black, J. R. G. Crespo. 192—W. J. Foster, W. J. Annand. 196—W. H. Fletcher, H. V. Jansen, L. J. Watson, W. King. 201—F. Eames. 209a—A. S. Jenkins, G. F. Tull, W. W. Griffin, F. H. Graydon, F. P. C. Lamb, J. A. Johnston, C. L. Hodgins. 209—G. Skipworth. 216—L. W. Huston, R. Hughes, G. W. Daley, R. O. Reid. 217—H. C. Kent, J. F. Baugh. 218—A. Bryce, A. H. Latimer, W. H. White. 219—D. S. Harley, R. C. Adams, C. Young, S. Nevens. 225—W. Irving, H. Tipping, J. E. Lang, J. A. Powers. 229—T. R. Earney, R. Watson, J. H. Boulter. 231—J. C. Smith, A. DeC. Helmar, F. Howland, D. Hull. 235—A. L. Peters, A. Rose. R. Adams. 237—J. Beattie, C. H. Pattison, W. A. Dell. 238—J. H. Constine, T. M. Morrow, J. E. Cowan, R. Auld. 239—J. Marchen. 242—M. F. Armstrong, A. W. Burch. 243—W. A. Patterson, F. Vrooman, D. Jackson. 250—T. H. Harris, W. H. Beaver, W. L. Walker, F. A. Fraser, J. McClelland, T. C. McBurney. 254—R. Evans, F. Menzie, G. L. Major, A. Collins. 256—R. A. Cook. 257—W. A. Dennis, G. W. McAllister, J. E. Daniels, D. Kennedy. 260—A. Currie. 261—D. Leitch. 261—C. Radmore, W. H. Ray, W. Simon, W. H. Thompson, E. H. Wright. 266—A. W. Douer. 267—J. Kime, W. M. Grant. 272—B. Ward. 277—G. R. Hicks, R. West-Symer. 287—H. M. Dulmage, J. Krumm, S. E. Shipper, L. Hermiston, W. H. Goulding. 290—D. Wales, C. A. McGill, D. McIntyre. 291—J. T. Manes, T. A. Blacklock, J. H. Myers, J. A. Clark, A. E. Simon, A. Garner, J. J. Morden. 295—J. R. Wilson. 296—J. A. Anderson, J. E. Crossen, J. Daw, H. J. Flynn, J. W. Kempling, D. F. McGuire. 297—G. H. Elliott. 302—W. A. Burns, A. E. Else, E. R. Langan, C. E. Sanders. 314—R. A. Holdon, C. D. Waldon, C. Whitmore. 316—J. H. Anderson, S. M. Grossman, E. S. Ryder, J. A. Wright, C. Wood, H. L. Stewart, H. M. Sowden, C. A. Hendry, S. R. Johnson, A. F. Cluhb, J. J. McKinnon, G. A. Stewart, E. R. Hines. 322—F. Mitchell, R. A. McGregor, H. E.

Rowland, P. C. Telfer, H. Nickle, E. Irving, R. S. Moe. 323—M. J. McIntyre. 326—O. I. Stephens, S. H. McKee. 330—J. M. Chalmers, M. K. Larsen, W. T. Summers, A. R. Bryant, C. W. Wood, J. A. Johnston, A. H. Harrison. 332—E. Hayden, W. Miller, C. R. Young, W. A. Grossman. 334—J. Langdon, W. Pringle, S. E. Rutherford. 336—D. Buchanan, F. T. Smale, J. W. Hardy, F. Coleman, S. C. Attridge, G. C. Crawford. 337—A. Pearson. 338—W. J. Goodwin. 339—T. Graydon, N. B. Burton, G. H. Layng, J. C. Lawson, B. Pearsall, J. M. Zimmerman, J. Harrison. 343—J. Lutz, W. B. Wilson, R. H. Cherry, A. W. Wills. 344—J. Rennie, H. Cain. 345—C. Fletcher. 346—W. G. H. Garrett, J. B. Petrie, C. A. Pearce, S. O. Rae, J. W. Darby, W. G. Messenger, A. J. Sewell, J. Whiteacre, T. Hellowell, T. C. Millar, W. H. Fenwick, S. Reid. 347—C. Scudamore. 356—A. G. Armstrong, C. J. Crozier, W. F. Hopkins. 361—T. D. Jarvis, H. R. McMillan, R. D. Stewart, M. A. Elliott. 364—J. Coulter, J. Berdan, N. Campbell, Jr. 367—J. W. Elliott, C. W. Ketcheson, J. G. McCready, W. W. Brent. 369—E. H. Stonehouse. 370—W. Smith. 371—G. W. Ballantyne, A. N. Beer, A. E. Thurston. 372—N. D. Liberty. 373—R. Edington, W. H. Burgess, L. J. Weidig, R. A. Burlingham. 377—T. Emerich, R. Hunter, G. B. Keys, F. A. Clement, T. J. Harrison. 378—F. G. Bowley, G. Moore, A. G. Simpson, J. Yeo, E. J. Wells, V. W. Burridge. 380—N. McIntyre, J. L. Baum. 382—F. C. Burgoyne. 383—F. Lutman, J. Anderson, R. B. Towriss. 384—J. W. Swenson, R. J. Wray, H. Galbreath, C. Stewart, W. C. Hunter, J. F. Wood, J. Greer, A. R. Craigie, H. Boise. 385—J. O. R. McDonald, W. I. Colwell, D. W. B. Appleton, R. J. Barton. 386—J. A. McColl, J. G. McKillop, R. Roome, A. W. Smith, J. E. Conway, E. Chercher. 391—H. F. Duck, D. Break, J. Bloomfield, S. J. Shaw, E. R. Shaw, J. M. Dandy. 393—P. P. Carp, J. Kyle, H. Smellie. 394—C. F. Dickman. 396—M. P. McColl, W. Scott, A. B. Agar, D. Fletcher, P. W. Arnold. 404—R. E. Wayte, W. E. Wilson. 410—A. Brown, D. A. Campbell, J. H. Long, P. F. Hardisty. 411—A. Gray, N. D. McMillan, J. D. McLean, W. J. Mead, N. Julien. 413—F. Beno. 415—A. Cameron, B. Z. Levinson, A. Dawson, F. H. Robinson, M. Cameron, K. G. Pollybank, L. Robinson, W. J. Mapledoriam, W. T. Harris, T. W. Marshall. 420—A. Dunn, G. Gibbons, W. J. Parsons, G. A. Knowlton, H. Forder, W. H. Lennox. 421—D. McPhail. 424—L. N. Parker, W. C. Annis. 426—T. H. Cullen, H. Daley. 427—C. I. Amey, L. R. Blewett, C. Reynolds, C. W. Caron, H. A. Biewett, H. Smellie, W. G. Gillespie, G. W. Dunn, G. W. Lark, W. H. Farrell, W. L. Black, S. W. Byers, A. J. Norman, A. S. Wood, A. G. Thatcher, V. L. Morgan. 428—F. C. Cella-cut. 430—W. J. Taylor, F. Schmidt, H. Chesman, A. Westlake, H. E. Watson, W. H. Gooderham. 431—A. Scott, J. A. Gregg, W. Young, N. McIntyre, J. McKee, S. Belback, D. A. Payne, F. Watson, J. Parker, J. A. Bennett, G. Perdue, J. R. McIntosh. 433—M. Foran, A. J. Campbell, H. J. Dennison, A. S. Lewis, H. E. Hudson, J. A. P. Hayden. 435—G. A. Mathieson, W. Cochrane. 437—W. H. Barraclough, J. E. White, I. J. Neil, W. T. Ferguson, D. C. Hoyt, N. D. Rongie, S. E. Cornell, W. Logie. 439—L. C. Harris, W. B. Conroy. 443—G. A. Drinkwater, G. J. Renton. 444—McK. A. Matchett, R. R. Matchett. 445—A. H. Laidlaw, H. G. Jackson, R. Ross, R. D. Fry, P. Ogilvie, J. M. McFarlane. 446—C. F. McGregor, A. McKenzie, A. McGillivray, F. V. Hollands. 447—D. N. McFarlane, C. Chapman, L. G. Cockburn, C. S. Costella. 448—J. Julien, E. A. Lounsbury. 450—A. A. McGibbon, J. E. Lancaster, F. H. Stearns, H. Weir. 453—J. J. Wells, W. E. Pollard, R. J. Snelgrove, L. S. Higham. 455—W. Terry. 458—H. G. Jackson, F. G. Moss, G. Buckner. 459—N. Berry, D. McIntyre. 466—D. N. Morrison. 469—A. G. Newell, A. E. Thompson, G. Armstrong, A. J. O'Neill, J. Lamb, T. B. Howard, A. Smith, H. Perkins, C. A. Dunn. 473—W. H. Ogle. 474—J. S. McGuirl, C. W. Buchanan, W. E. Hussell, C. G. Trollope. 475—R. Morrell, E. P. Buskard, J. S. Howick, H. Ellison, G. H. Thomas, S. L. Eisenhofer, H. R. Mellon, C. H. Coates. 478—B. Kriesel. 479—C. F. McArthur. 480—J. A. Riddell, A. A. Marsellis, J. Steen, L. Alguire. 481—W. H. Woodward, J. H. Williamson, T. E. Woodburn, G. C. Lamson. 484—B. R. Shillito, J. Faulkner, J. Livskitz. 486—W. F. McPhie. 488—B. B. Gosnell, C. Quick. 490—W. A. Roadhouse, F. T. Graham. 494—W. R. Keith, R. F. C. Thomas, M. Allingham. 501—J. A. Henderson. 509—W. F. Naylor. 511—R. Sutherland. 513—A. E. Wing, C. A. Sparling. 514—W. R. Bennett, W. J. Connell, N. C. McArthur, E. McDougall. 518—G. A. Swain. 519—H. Maw. 526—W. H. Ker. 527—T. H. Benton. 535—R. A. Mitchell

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26—R. Graham. 79—J. G. Gray. 256—R. A. Cook. 378—V. W. Burridge. 518—G. A. Swain.

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DEATHS 1917-1918.

2—W. W. Ireland, 5 July, 1917; J. R. Clement, 3 May, 1918; J. R. Robertson, 31 May, 1918. 3—A. E. Brough, 10 January, 1918; T. M. Connor, 26 June, 1918. 5—J. McLennan, 5 February, 1918; H. H. Edwards, 11 May, 1918. 6—J. W. Ross, 1 July, 1917; A. C. Grossman, 24 August, 1917; J. R. Home, 13 November, 1917; J. Hobson, 19 December, 1917; J. A. Bement, 24 December, 1917; C. 1. Kelly, 29 December, 1917; G. S. Richmond, 8 January, 1918; E. Tinsley, 28 January, 1918; J. Gray, 30 January, 1918; G. W. Brent, 5 March, 1918; H. E. Hand, 15 June, 1918; G. A. Leeks, 20 June, 1918. 7—A. Rutherford, 29 June, 1917; W. E. Millward, 7 May, 1918. 9—C. W. Hough, 21 September, 1917. 10—J. Downing, 30 June, 1918; W. Gage, 22 February, 1918. 11—J. W. Smith, 8 August, 1917; W. J. Watkins, 8 August, 1917; A. McGinnis, 10 September, 1917; R. Bateman, 28 September, 1917; H. R. Beattie, 7 November, 1917; W. Farnham, 6 November, 1917; H. G. Huff, 1 January, 1918; D. Lees, 24 February, 1918; A. Shepherd, 7 April, 1918; W. J. Gillespie, 2 April, 1918; F. Elvins, 28 April, 1918. 14—J. Armour, 22 March, 1917; J. M. Coombes, 18 August, 1917; J. F. Kennedy, 6 May, 1917. 15—A. McLaren, 3 December, 1917; W. Chatfield, 1 December, 1917; W. Walsh, 1 March, 1918. 16—W. Millichamp, 28 August, 1917; J. Shaw, 27 November, 1917; J. F. Ockley, 26 January, 1918; W. F. Chapman, 14 January, 1918; J. N. Reid, 10 March, 1918; E. W. Quinn, 18 March, 1918; T. H. Lee, 21 March, 1918; H. E. Sherrard, 17 April, 1918; R. H. Butt, 17 April, 1918; J. Ross Robertson, 31 May, 1918. 18—P. E. Pearsall, 6 November, 1917; E. S. Pearce, 7 February, 1918; R. Ringer, 20 June, 1918. 20—W. R. Garner, 3 August, 1917; S. Philp, 11 December, 1917. 21a—T. R. McQuaig, 5 December, 1917. 22—A. E. Smith, 22 August, 1917; A. B. Cole, 12 September, 1917; W. L. Allwell, 11 October, 1917; S. Carothers, 12 October, 1917; J. C. VanCamp, 5 March, 1918; W. O. Watson, 20 April, 1918; S. B. Orson, 10 May, 1918; J. Ross Robertson, 31 May, 1918; W. S. Staughton, 22 June, 1918. 23—R. Phillips, 12 May, 1918. 24—D. F. Cummings, 26 June, 1917; J. McCreary, 6 July, 1917; L. E. Bradley, 16 May, 1918. 25—F. H. Torrington, 19 November, 1917; G. R. McDonagh, 2 June, 1917; A. W. Playfair, January, 1918; J. S. Robertson, 22 June, 1918. 26—J. Swigwet, 30 June, 1917; J. Evans, 23 July, 1917; G. Edwards, 19 March, 1918; J. H. Helm, 6 January, 1918. 27—T. Burnip, 9 November, 1917; R. J. Dawson, 15 September, 1917; W. H. Green, 3 July, 1917; J. Johnson, 7 December, 1917; W. Newport, 4 December, 1917; W. White, 7 January, 1918; C. R. Hillis, 25 February, 1918; W. G. Leitch, 27 February, 1918; A. R. Miller, 28 April, 1918; M. Goodwin, 26 May, 1918; G. R. Parke, 4 March, 1917; S. Thorne, 1916. 28—H. M. McCrun, November 1917. 29—S. Clindinin, 18 March, 1918. 31—J. C. Gibson, 11 February, 1918. 32—R. W. Ennis, 13 January, 1918; M. A. Stevens, 29 April, 1918. 33—G. H. W. Graham, 1 September, 1917. 34—G. H. Ferris, 26 December, 1917. 35—J. Riley, 12 July, 1917; W. Nichol, 10 October, 1917. 37—J. Canfield, 28 February, 1918. 38—R. A. Ireland, 30 October, 1917; W. B. Smith, 27 July, 1917; J. P. Shurie, 29 March, 1918. 39—J. Bright, 22 April, 1917; G. A. Trimmon, 10 June, 1917. 40—G. R. Weber, 24 July, 1917; N. McCall, 24 October, 1917; J. Bremner, 10 September, 1917; W. Wilson, 15 October, 1917; M. M. Middleton, 15 November, 1917; G. H. Evans, 31 December, 1917; W. McKay, 11 April, 1918; M. B. Hibbard, 17 May, 1918; J. Boyd, 20 May, 1918. 41—D. Elliott, 19 February, 1918. 42—J. Callard, May, 1916; H. E. Nelles, 26 September, 1917. 43—P. F. Johnson, 28 June, 1917; F. Mimms, 29 July, 1917; R. M. Muller, 14 June, 1918. 44—H. A. Dallyn, 14 August, 1917; B. W. Williamson, 7 September, 1917; W. G. Collins, 16 September, 1917; H. Fluelling, 12 October, 1917; E. R. Flach, 21 October, 1917; H. G. Adams, 29 December, 1917; J. Ellar, 18 May, 1918. 45—W. J. Andrews, 22 November, 1917; W. J. Banks, 15 March, 1918; J. M. Douglas, 7 January, 1918; L. H. McLellan, 4 June, 1918; R. Henry, 29 January, 1918. 46—E. C. Gammage, 21 August, 1917; H. Fisher, 29 October, 1917; J. M. Park, 24 December, 1917. 47—R. R. Crouchman, 10 January, 1918; J. Porteous, 26 December, 1917; C. Baxter, 13 February, 1918; J. F. Viger, 12 April, 1918. 48—J. Latimer, 24 July, 1917; R. B. Milier, 16 October 1917. 50—W. S. Jacques, 11 November, 1917. 52—J. Cook, Sr., 19 October, 1917; A. W. Fraser, 12 August, 1917; E. B. Goodwin, 15 December, 1917; W. H. Craig, 22 January, 1918; A. F. Graham, 16 March, 1918; W. E. Hiscott, 30 March, 1918; G. A. Johnstone, 26 May, 1918; H. A. Reynolds, 24 May, 1918. 55—J. B. Robeson, 4 July, 1917; W. J. Brown, 10 August, 1917; C. F. McGowan, 7 October, 1917; J. Cranstoun, 7 December, 1917. 56—D. Warwick, 3 February, 1917. 58—R. K. Farrow, 29 May, 1918. 61—J. H. Smith, 8 September, 1917; A. Mars, 4 October, 1917; W. H. Miller, 21 October, 1917; S. M. Laurie, 5 November, 1917; D. Lyons, 10 November, 1917; J. H. Cummer, 6 December, 1917; W. W. Greenhill, 1 January, 1918; W. Campbell, 15 April, 1918. 64—L. E. Tillson, 7 July, 1917; J. J. Harkness, 30 June, 1917; H. Sutherland, 1 February, 1918; I. Danks, 1 April, 1918; W. D. Brock, 18 April, 1918; J. S. Walker, 13 May, 1918. 65—J. Hay, 10 July, 1917; A. McBean, 13 July, 1917; J. P. Miller, 21 December, 1917; J. Butcher, 15 February, 1918; C. M. Webb, 23 March, 1918; B. Fletcher, 11 June, 1918; F. J. Russell, 14 July, 1917. 66—J. Farncomb, September, 1917. 68—M. D. Montgomery,

5 January, 1918. 69—E. B. Mullett, 14 November, 1917; G. A. Snarr, 8 April, 1918. 72—W. A. Foley, 28 January, 1918. 73—T. O. Robinson, 29 June, 1917; T. Evans, 2 February, 1918; J. B. Stretton, 3 February, 1918; W. Williams, 25 June, 1918. 75—H. Ryrie, 16 September, 1917; R. J. Hovenden, 25 October, 1917; J. H. Wilson, 24 November, 1917; F. John, 25 November, 1917; J. Neil, 24 May, 1918; P. R. Brunsell, 16 June, 1918. 76—J. Miles, 13 September, 1917; W. C. Thompson, September, 1917; J. H. Dent, November, 1917; H. R. Lyon, 7 January, 1918; J. F. Moore, 1 April, 1918. 77—A. Culen, 31 August, 1917; R. T. Adams, 15 August, 1917; J. Makins, 10 September, 1917; J. Coburn, 1 April, 1918; W. K. Anderson, 7 January, 1918. 79—C. W. Graham, 3 September, 1917. 81—J. Whiting, 25 October, 1917; J. H. Howe, 26 October, 1917. 82—S. A. Wood, 20 December, 1917; H. G. Brown, 19 July, 1917. 83—C. Mc Beth, 4 October, 1917. 85—H. R. Bright, 9 November, 1917. 86—O. E. Fletcher, 25 August, 1917; W. H. Marsh, 12 September, 1917; B. D. Thomas, October, 1917; S. J. Stammers, 3 November, 1917; W. H. Bateson, 6 November, 1917; R. M. Burgess, 5 January, 1918; J. H. Mitchener, 11 February, 1918; G. M. Duthie, 4 November, 1917; F. Hillock, 10 June, 1918. 88—G. Smith, 4 July, 1917; J. D. Campbell, 17 November, 1917; C. Price, 30 December, 1917; S. Lloyd, 29 April, 1918; R. McKnight, 19 June, 1918. 91—W. G. Mathews, 16 July, 1917; G. L. Schaffer, 10 August, 1917; O. O. Summers, 1918. 92—A. McIlquham, 22 August, 1917; R. Hendry, 8 February, 1918; A. Dunlop, 20 February, 1918; H. Cunningham, 2 March, 1918; M. J. Hughes, 20 May, 1918. 93—J. C. McLeod, 10 May, 1918; L. Shewfelt, 11 June, 1918. 94—W. H. Farr, 10 June, 1918. 96—J. Morrow, 25 June, 1917; W. H. A. French, 12 January, 1918. 97—F. Robinson, 27 December, 1917. 98—J. Gould, 17 May, 1918; A. A. Miller, killed in action, 1918. 100—M. Watson, 14 October, 1917. 101—H. Taylor, 28 December, 1917; R. J. Todd, 29 December, 1917; J. J. Lundy, 11 March, 1918; H. English, 15 April, 1918. 103—H. Van. Allen, 19 October, 1917; W. W. Swift, 14 February, 1918; W. H. Andrews, 12 March, 1918; A. R. Thompson, 19 May, 1918; J. W. Coy, 22 June, 1918. 104—P. Willits, 28 March, 1918; M. H. Haight, 12 March, 1918. 105—G. Badger, 10 November, 1917; F. J. Anderson, 28 October, 1917; A. Garner, 22 December, 1917; D. M. Wilson, 12 March, 1918; J. Hague, 6 April, 1918; R. Doggett, 13 May, 1918. 107—W. R. Pencombe, 7 June, 1918. 108—H. L. Hughes, killed in action, 1917; C. R. Staples, 10 June, 1918. 110—J. Rosebrook, 6 July, 1917; C. Keeler, 15 August, 1917; J. F. Graham, 22 August, 1917. 113—H. F. Teeter, 10 April, 1918. 114—J. Evans, August, 1917; W. E. Hezzlewood, September, 1917. 115—H. H. Elliott, 3 July, 1917; R. McCaskill, 1 December, 1917; E. O. Disher, 6 December, 1917; R. G. Hager, 7 January, 1918. 116—J. Weir, 1918. 120—M. Campbell, 7 September, 1917. 121—H. W. Cockshutt, 2 June, 1916; F. B. Hubert, 24 August, 1917; F. H. Walsh, 10 September, 1917; J. B. Bellhouse, 21 September, 1917; E. McDonald, 3 November, 1917; A. Ellerby, 22 January, 1918; E. Brown, 22 February, 1918; W. Lees, 2 March, 1918; C. B. Eckel, 15 March 1918; A. W. Jex, 5 April, 1918; D. Webster, 16 May, 1918. 122—R. A. Dalgleish, 28 September, 1917; T. Logan, 27 December, 1917; F. R. Holmes, 28 January, 1918. 123—T. Stewart, 22 July, 1917; G. H. Pope, 2 August, 1917; C. S. McKeown, 28 September, 1917; C. Rathman, 1 October, 1917; Sir Mackenzie Bowell, 10 December, 1917; A. W. Vermilvea, 21 January, 1918; C. Stewart, 6 May, 1918; S. W. Bullen, 1918. 125—D. T. Cresswell, 27 March, 1918; W. Stevenson, 28 May, 1918. 126—R. H. Bonneycastle, 9 September, 1917; A. T. Green, 12 October, 1917; J. E. Owens, 8 March, 1918; 127—S. Gunter, 22 October, 1917. 128—W. G. Taylor, 23rd November, 1917. 133—J. Glenn, 13 March, 1918. 135—F. Chisholm, 3 December, 1917; P. McDuffy, Sr., 6 November, 1916; J. D. McGibbon, 31 July, 1916. 136—D. McCarty, 1 June, 1918; L. B. Forsyth, 9 June, 1918. 137—A. H. Stephen, 22 July, 1917; C. A. Finley, 26 October, 1917; G. A. Farrar, 12 February, 1918; J. Bowes, 12 May, 1918. 139—J. D. Carveth, 21 October, 1917; W. Holland, 8 June, 1918; W. H. A. Corner, 21 April, 1918. 142—S. B. Fell, 18 February, 1918; A. Casselman, 17 April, 1918. 143—W. E. Fisher, 15 April, 1918. 144—H. Baker, 17 August, 1917; T. J. Oakley, 18 August, 1917; A. J. McIntosh, September, 1917; J. R. Geddes, 10 November, 1917; A. A. McKenzie, 21 June, 1918. 145—A. T. Armstrong, 11 March, 1918; A. Leach, 1 June, 1918. 146—H. E. Parliament, 1917. 148—M. G. Bristow, 19 December, 1917; A. Bain, 22 April, 1918; 149—R. A. Sinclair, 27 September, 1917. 151—W. Hendry, 11 November, 1917; R. Bowman, 5 January, 1918; G. D. Richmond, 7 January, 1918; G. H. Whiting, 18 February, 1918. 154—J. Stanley, 10 January, 1918; 155—T. C. Tucker, 11 September, 1917; G. Burnham, 17 September, 1917; J. Patterson, 7 October, 1917; J. Thompson, 9 December, 1917; A. E. Lech, 6 January, 1918; L. Dobbin, 20 January, 1918; J. Head, 19 April, 1918. 156—H. Duncan, 26 December, 1917. 157—J. Barker, 21 July, 1917; A. H. Tett, 26 August, 1917; W. Fleming, 17 February, 1918. 159—W. B. Bradley, 18 May, 1918. 161—G. I. Black, 13 July, 1917; J. Armstrong, 16 September, 1917; C. Fisher, 3 April, 1918; M. D. Richards, 18 April, 1918. 164—G. J. Chadd, 1917; L. G. Dorland, 20 November, 1917. 165—J. Hughes, October, 1917. 166—L. B. Henry, killed in action, 1917; T. H. Corman, 2 June, 1918; H. Pearson, 7 June, 1918. 169—R. H. Applegard, 14 September, 1917; F. A. Deterling, 2 May, 1918. 170—G.

Patterson, 5 January, 1918; W. Southgate, 22 June, 1918. 177—C. J. Evans, 17 July, 1917; J. T. Haskins, 9 August, 1917; J. N. Jacques, 1 September, 1917; H. S. Bauer, 8 September, 1917; R. P. Harris, 6 December, 1917; G. Coke, 10 February, 1918; H. T. Cameron, 12 April, 1918. 178—W. B. McMiiken, 26 July, 1917; L. W. Craig, 2 August, 1917. 180—W. Parker, 28 October, 1917; J. T. Murray, 16 February, 1918; J. Scoon, 3 March, 1918; G. Whetstone, 13 June, 1918. 181—A. Eakins, 1 January, 1918. 186—J. O. Smith, 26 July, 1917; F. L. Switzer, 22 December, 1917. 192—W. Ramsay, 19 October, 1917; R. R. Weir, 1 December, 1917; G. H. Niebel, 21 December, 1917. 194—J. Perkins, 1917; E. W. Hazel, 17 September, 1917; R. A. Stauffer, 10 April, 1918; J. Holmes, 11 April, 1918. 195—F. R. Drake, 6 October, 1917; A. G. Smyth, 12 June, 1918. 196—S. M. Johnson, 22 November, 1917; C. S. Stevens, 12 May, 1918. 197—C. F. Harris, 12 October, 1917; F. J. Fraser, 31 January, 1918. 201—J. Acton, 1 January, 1918; C. V. Ketchum, 11 January, 1918; J. Thompson, 21 April, 1918; W. J. Mc Donald, 6 June, 1918; W. E. Brown, killed in action, 1918. 207—W. N. McLean, May, 1917. 209a—L. Johnston, 10 October, 1917; B. Askey, 21 December, 1917; W. J. Johnston, 26 February, 1918; W. Draper, 29 March, 1918; A. J. Carter, 14 April, 1918. 216—G. L. MacKinnon, 14 September, 1917; N. L. McWilliam, 4 March, 1918. 218—C. Taylor, 24 December, 1917; R. Devlin, 26 February, 1918; 220—G. Bewell, 24 November, 1917; S. S. Sharpe, 25 May, 1918. 221—P. Mears, 9 October, 1917. 222—H. Thornton, 24 February, 1918; 224—G. T. MacKay, 16 April, 1918. 225—D. D. Campbell, 9 January, 1918. 228—G. Smith, 21 March, 1918; W. H. Benjamin, 30 March, 1918; J. H. Carruthers, 26 May, 1918. 229—J. N. Crawford, 25 February, 1918; A. N. Morrow, 1 March, 1918; H. Birss, 10 March, 1917. 230—J. F. Palling, January, 1918; R. H. A. West, March, 1918; I. W. Lennox, 11 May, 1918. 231—W. Dicks, 29 September, 1917; E. G. Malcolm, 22 April, 1918. 233—W. J. Wilson, 1 April, 1918. 234—H. Lyne, 26 October, 1917. 237—S. Leybourne, 1916. 238—T. A. Brandon, 26 April, 1918. 243—S. B. Lawrason, 24 October, 1917; A. F. Kitchen, 9 January, 1918. 247—S. Pearcey, 27 August, 1917; A. W. Palmer, 17 December, 1917; J. B. Hogate, 1 April, 1918. 253—N. F. Dupius, 21 July, 1917; A. J. Strong, 23 January, 1918; A. J. Murray, 6 March, 1918; A. H. Blakeby, 29 May, 1918; W. M. Baillie, 11 June, 1918. 254—R. C. Eldridge, 26 March, 1918; W. L. Schwab, 18 May, 1918; J. H. Cannon, 8 June, 1918. 256—H. C. Shaver, 19 May, 1918. 257—C. A. Clouting, 13 August, 1917; J. J. Campbell, 26 October, 1917; J. B. Geer, 9 March, 1918; J. Vanstone, 30 March, 1918; J. Cross, 3 May, 1918. 258—S. J. Cherry, 1917; W. C. Walker, 14 January, 1917; T. G. Cellyer, 29 January, 1917. 259—W. H. Cook, 20 September, 1917. 260—A. Scarsbrook, 8 October, 1917. 261—D. Leitch, 25 April, 1918. 262—J. Bennett, 5 December, 1917; J. Connel, 7 July, 1917; A. J. Stewart, 6 January, 1918; E. W. Lambert, 13 June, 1918. 263—W. J. Porte, 13 September, 1917; P. D. McCaJum, 5 October, 1917. 264—H. Ellis, 17 December, 1917; W. S. Leach, 18 December, 1917; C. Thebarger, 31 January, 1918; H. A. Cook, 16 March, 1918. 265—R. Nash, 7 January, 1918; W. H. Carleton, 14 February, 1918. 267—R. Cooper, 9 July, 1917; J. Gemmill, 16 June, 1918. 268—T. Kelly, 17 December, 1917. 269—H. L. Major, 15 June, 1917; G. Philip, 16 August, 1917. 271—J. House, 23 August, 1917. 272—J. Pickard, 9 July, 1917. 279—A. McKellar, 6 August, 1917. 282—A. Ard, 8 August, 1917; H. McLean, 1 December, 1917. 283—C. H. Merriam, 27 July, 1917; B. L. Ketchum, 12 November, 1917; F. K. Millard, 1918. 284—J. Shurrie, 7 November, 1917. 287—W. J. Clarke, 14 July, 1917; D. L. Morehouse, 30 October, 1917; C. Johnston, 3 November, 1917. 289—A. Steinhoff, 15 September, 1917. 290—D. H. Wilkinson, 17 December, 1917; J. E. Johnson, 20 March, 1918. 291—A. Jones, 8 November, 1917; E. Cornell, 26 April, 1918. 295—W. H. Smith, 5 September, 1917. 296—J. Munro, 7 December, 1917. 297—J. R. Ratz, February, 1918; G. A. Skepton, March, 1918. 299—I. B. Amey, 26 May, 1918. 302—W. Angle, 23 October, 1917; H. O. Hunter, 24 November, 1917. 303—R. J. Brown, 9 April, 1918. 304—H. Grose, 1 December, 1917. 306—J. Robertson, 7 November, 1917; W. H. Bean, 31 May, 1918. 311—G. Rowentree, 30 July, 1917. 312—H. Morris, 15 March, 1918. 313—R. Graham, 10 September, 1917; H. J. Stuart, 4 September, 1917. 314—S. C. Southgate, 18 March, 1918. 315—E. Tolton, 11 December, 1917. 316—F. S. Henning, 16 July, 1917; A. H. Crawford, 9 December, 1917. 318—C. T. Waker, 9 April, 1917. 320—M. P. Becker, 26 May, 1918. 322—A. McMillan, 11 October, 1917; D. W. Morrison, 15 November, 1917. 324—T. Pedlar, 13 August, 1917; G. P. Stevens, 6 November, 1917; J. Tilley, 3 January, 1918; C. E. Walker, 6 March, 1918. 325—J. Davey, 4 January, 1918. 326—T. C. Harding, 29 May, 1917; F. R. Spence, 16 August, 1917; I. O. Orr, 22 August, 1917; E. Sharpe, 18 October, 1917; E. L. Johnstone, 10 November, 1917; R. Rose, 11 December, 1917; E. W. Bruce, 12 January, 1918; H. H. Hudson, 24 January, 1918; J. B. Brayley, 24 February, 1918; J. R. Robertson, 31 May, 1918; F. M. Holland, 4 June, 1918. 330—R. S. Simmons, 10 December, 1917; O. J. Bridle, 7 January, 1918. 332—J. D. Dempsey, 14 April, 1917; J. W. Lowe, killed in action, 1917; J. Irwin, 19 August, 1916; A. D. McLaren, 19 April, 1917; W. S. Hepburn, 4 March, 1917. 333—M. K. Richardson, 5 November, 1917; H. A. Mitchell, 7 November, 1917; R. C. Kerr, 14 March, 1918. 336—S. Gosnell, 15 December, 1917; J. H. E. Jones, 5 March, 1917. 339—T.

Wilson, 6 November, 1917; J. Graydon, 10 December, 1917; J. R. Kerr, 13 December, 1917; J. Walsh, 8 March, 1918; J. T. Scheles, 4 March, 1918; J. Nelson, 31 March, 1918; W. Bedley, 12 June, 1918. 341—J. G. Giles, 6 June, 1917; M. L. McLeod, 30 December, 1917. 343—E. M. C. Donovan, 6 October, 1917; A. G. Crocott, 15 October, 1917; A. T. Skill, 5 November, 1917; W. G. McConnell, 26 February, 1918; R. J. Orr, 9 May, 1918; H. H. McKague, 9 June, 1918. 345—P. Jean, 12 November, 1917. 346—R. C. Newman, 9 July, 1917; W. E. Preston, 11 September, 1917; H. J. Stuart, killed in action, ; S. B. Pollard, 28 December, 1917; G. S. Lawson, 13 January, 1918; J. Graham, 2 February, 1918; W. A. Noble, 3 February, 1918. 347—H. S. Blackstock, 2 May, 1918. 352—W. E. Foot, 18 March, 1918. 356—M. S. Malcolm, 1 June, 1916; T. A. Thomas, 20 November, 1917. 357—R. A. Carey, 29 April, 1918. 361—W. J. Standish, 5 February, 1917; W. A. Clark, 25 July, 1917. 362—M. A. V. Armstrong, 12 March, 1918; J. Pfeffer, 21 March, 1918. 364—J. Acton, 15 August, 1917; A. G. Stevenson, 15 August, 1917. 367—F. P. Sheridan, 30 October, 1917; A. S. Johnston, 12 December, 1917; E. H. Musson, 16 March, 1918; W. Wylie, 4 May, 1918. 368—J. Reynolds, 4 July, 1917; H. W. Brace, 7 September, 1917; H. H. Vance, November, 1917; C. E. Thompson, 25 April, 1918. 369—C. Silverthorn, 25 August, 1917; J. Thirkle, 26 January, 1918; J. Ross Robertson, 31 May, 1918. 370—W. Smith, 13 December, 1917. 371—W. J. Miller, 15 August 1917. 372—E. Brown, 22 February, 1918; A. G. Benner, 20 April, 1918. 373—W. Robinson, 6 January, 1918. 376—M. J. McRuer, 31 October, 1917; 377 D. Hicks, 19 February, 1918. 378—J. C. Vandegar, 1917; C. McGeary, 16 November, 1917; S. H. Courtney, October, 1917; J. E. Prettie, 24 January, 1918; W. J. Smith, 27 March, 1918; C. H. Ward, 18 May, 1918. 379—S. Lampert, 10 July, 1917. 380—G. S. Brock, 17 July, 1917; J. Learn, 30 October, 1917; O. J. Bridle, 7 January, 1918; C. E. Hunter, 13 March, 1918; W. Cock, 31 March, 1918; G. Geoghegan, 27 April, 1918; W. H. Somers, 21 May, 1918. 382—H. Vallender, 26 August 1917; W. G. Webber, 4 September, 1917; W. Marshall, 15 September, 1917; T. Allen, 17 October, 1917; W. R. B. Chaloner, 18 November, 1917; R. E. Gallagher, 19 February, 1918; V. L. King, 20 April, 1918. 383—G. Elliott, 10 February, 1917; A. Campbell, 23 October, 1917. 384—H. A. Hardman, 1917; J. G. Macdonell, 6 July, 1917; M. B. Misener, 25 August, 1917; R. S. Muir, 28 June, 1917; E. N. A. Phenix, 28 August, 1917; J. L. Wood, 9 November, 1917; G. W. Sproule, 20 December, 1917; J. Norwick, 26 February, 1918; G. Scott, 9 April, 1918; J. Ross Robertson, 31 May, 1918. 386—E. Neil, 6 November, 1916; P. E. Skinner, 12 January, 1918; W. E. Milner, 14 May, 1917. 387—J. G. Wallace, 4 February, 1918; H. R. Ferris, 16 June, 1918. 388—J. A. Bean, 1 August, 1917; J. A. M. Shore, 12 December, 1917; R. Georgeson, 10 March, 1918; T. J. Clatworthy, 24 June, 1918. 391—A. Long, 19 June, 1918. 392—F. Kennedy, 19 January, 1918; A. Trusler, 19 June, 1918. 393—W. N. Graham, 22 March, 1918. 394—H. McCougan, 24 November, 1917; J. Holiday, 6 April 1918. 396—J. G. Simpson, 16 December, 1917. 399—G. Kunz, 26 January, 1918. 400—T. H. Ashbury, 28 August, 1917; E. A. Robertson, 12 November, 1917; S. Waggoner, 1 May, 1918. 401—A. A. Richardson, 13 August, 1917; 402—O. J. Wilcox, 2 December, 1917. 403—J. P. McEwan, 10 October, 1917; E. A. Robertson, 12 November, 1917; B. J. Walker, 4 December, 1917; H. A. Beaton, 7 December, 1917; W. H. L. Wright, 6 January, 1918; E. W. Bauslaugh, 23 January, 1918; T. B. Welch, 23 March 1918; W. Chater, 1 June 1918; J. Keane, 9 June, 1918. 404—C. E. Bird, 16 July, 1917; W. J. Burley, 21 September, 1917; 405—R. E. Marshall, 25 September, 1917. 406—D. Smith, 14 November, 1917; E. B. Munn, 6 May, 1918. 408—F. S. King, September, 1917; D. Campbell, 16 October, 1917. 409—A. Jackson, 4 October, 1917; J. J. McEachren, 9 November, 1917; W. H. Clipsham, 24 November, 1917; R. R. Stanley, 28 November, 1917; A. S. Bowers, 30 March, 1918. 410—J. Ross Robertson, 31 May, 1918; J. G. Rogers, 13 June, 1918. 411—O. R. G. Stinson, 8 February, 1917; E. Prebbie, 23 September, 1917; F. A. Bolton, 30 October, 1917; N. D. Campbell, 24 April, 1918. 412—J. White, August, 1917; J. S. McCoy, 5 September, 1917; J. A. Marshall, 7 September, 1917; W. H. Carney, 14 December, 1917; W. H. Battersby, 18 May, 1918. 413—F. B. Daniels, July, 1917; H. W. Lewis, 17 August 1917; C. Wylie, 16 December, 1917. 415—J. R. Morton, March, 1918; W. F. Turner, March, 1918. 416—R. Boyd, 8 August, 1917. 419—R. R. Luck, 18 December, 1917; A. Bright, 16 February, 1918. 420—W. T. Plummer, 27 September, 1917; E. C. Shepherd, 26 October, 1917; E. M. Martyn, 15 April, 1918. 421—A. Cotton, 1 September, 1917; T. Moss, 8 February, 1918; J. W. McDonald, 1 April, 1918. 422—H. Murray, 7 December, 1917; D. J. Whitsell, 19 December, 1917. 424—W. W. Sparks, 14 September, 1917; A. Findlay, 2 February, 1918. 425—W. M. McDonald, 24 June, 1917; J. Mackay, 12 August, 1917; G. W. Smith, 5 October, 1917. 426—R. L. McCormack, 23 September, 1917; A. H. Royce, 15 April, 1918; A. Hay, 29 May, 1918; A. T. Walker, 31 May, 1918; W. G. Fell, killed in action, 1917; E. Wakefield, 12 June, 1918. 427—L. E. Barnes, 1 September, 1917; D. L. McKinnon, 21 September, 1917; J. McLeod, 25 March, 1918. 428—G. H. Clemens, 23 September, 1917; W. H. Tummonds, 28 September, 1917. 429—V. Cottrell, 1 November, 1917; A. Christian, 12 November, 1917. 430—A. J. Treblecock, 6 November, 1917; A. B. Robb, 6 January, 1918; E. R. Millar, 24 March 1918.

431—F. Taylor, 22 June, 1918. 432—R. W. Walden, 28 October, 1917; P. W. Mitchell, 30 December, 1917. 434—A. J. Scott, 19 April, 1918. 436—J. A. Rourke, 13 February, 1918. 437—W. H. Chapman, 18 September, 1917; F. D. Lucas, 20 November, 1917; W. J. Walsh, 18 December, 1917; W. Shaw, 27 March, 1918. 438—J. F. Bond, 3 October, 1917; R. Ross, 1 March, 1918; R. Robinson, 1 March, 1918. 440—E. B. Munn, 6 May, 1918. 442—W. J. Smyth, 5 July, 1917; W. Scott, 16 January, 1918. 443—A. J. Cobb, April, 1917. 445—H. D. Smith, January, 1918; R. J. N. Pither, 31 May, 1918. 446—L. A. Tucker, killed in action, 1917. 451—E. B. Munn, 6 May, 1918. 452—F. McKinnon, 1918. 453—S. McLeish, killed in action; W. Stevenson, 28 May, 1918. 454—S. A. Alexander, 5 March, 1917. 455—E. M. Bradley, 14 November, 1917; C. L. Petch, 25 December, 1917; 456—J. McNaught, 18 March, 1918. 457—J. Mabett, 25 April, 1918. 458—W. L. Rombough, 10 July, 1917; H. Blackburn, 20 January, 1918; P. Anderson, 29 January, 1918. 459—P. Thrasher, 28 November, 1917. 462—H. B. Munroe, 18 February, 1917; R. Latimore, 14 March, 1917. 464—W. Waines, 30 September, 1916. 467—A. D. Ellison, 8 July, 1917; A. A. Mackenzie, 21 May, 1918. 468—F. Cardy, September, 1917. 469—W. A. Wickenden, 10 November, 1917; C. Beck, June, 1917; H. Elliott, 18 February, 1918. 470—H. B. Smith, 3 January, 1918; O. Shillswell, 14 June, 1918. 472—D. Carr, 4 December, 1917; 473—J. Rooke, 20 November, 1917; W. D. Young, 4 January, 1918. 474—G. Schofield, 25 November, 1917; 475—N. D. Stapley, 5 September, 1917. 476—E. Mills, 15 October, 1917. 481—J. L. Little, 12 November, 1917; W. H. Hutchinson, 4 January, 1918; W. W. Wilson, 1918. 485—A. T. Skill, November, 1917. 487—J. H. Macdonald, 13 July, 1917; E. M. Wolf, 9 January, 1918. 490—C. W. Galbraith, killed in action, 1917; R. W. Ennis, 13 January, 1918; W. J. Shorthill, 24 May, 1918. 492—W. D. Lovering, 27 November, 1917. 493—W. J. Wright, 18 August, 1917. 494—W. McUllough, 23 November, 1917. 495—W. R. B. Chaloner, 13 November, 1917; W. T. Jones, 26 January, 1918. 496—W. L. Evans, 17 August, 1917. 498—D. Smith, 13 November, 1917. 500—H. A. Beaton, 7 December, 1917; A. E. Lech, 16 January, 1918. 502—W. L. Felker, 24 July, 1917; S. Hays, 8 December, 1917; J. Morley, 11 May, 1918; J. H. Trembley, 13 May, 1918. 506—G. D. Kelly, killed in action, 1917. 507—A. T. Skill, 26 October, 1917; A. Pardon, November, 1917. 513—T. Pedlar, 13 August, 1917; C. I. Kelly, 28 December, 1917. 514—A. Duncan, 14 August, 1917. 515—E. A. Hollister, 18 June, 1918. 516—P. Thrasher, 25 November, 1917. 517—A. Young, 28 September, 1917. 518—J. Wilson, February, 1918. 520—C. Lea, 30 October, 1917; J. Currie, 2 November, 1917; J. L. Brown, 12 June, 1918; W. H. Thompson, 15 February, 1918; W. J. Page, 3 May, 1918. 524—A. T. Thompson, 14 December, 1917. 531—W. W. Weryly, 17 September, 1917; W. Thompson, 7 February, 1918. 532—J. Graydon, 11 December, 1917. 533—C. Donovan, 1917. 536—G. H. Bonney, 7 April, 1918. 537—J. K. Kerr, 14 December, 1917.

RESTORATIONS. 1917-1918.

7—H. McKechnie. 11—F. D. Hicks, T. R. Dando, H. R. Beattie, R. F. Greatrix, W. S. Lazier, A. McEwen, H. W. Ross. 15—J. W. Gray. 18—W. A. Williamson, 20—T. J. Knowles. 21a—R. R. McEvoy. 22—W. O. Watson. 24—W. Cochrane. 27—J. H. McDougall. 28—G. G. Gordon. 29—D. C. Stuart. 30—W. J. Luke, W. H. McClellan. 32—R. G. Murdy. 33—F. W. Doly. 34—E. J. Haynes. 38—H. W. Turney. 40—C. J. E. Baby. 43—C. E. Connor. 44—E. A. Hill. 45—S. A. Garnham, W. A. Clark, J. W. Patte, E. G. Bristol. 46—G. S. Hope. 50—G. R. Goodmurphy. 52—W. G. Smith, W. J. Hemphill. 58—L. W. Reade. 61—W. Addy, H. H. Hodgson. 64—R. B. Ross, J. T. Merchant, W. J. Nichol, B. C. Budd, J. W. Wilson. 65—J. A. Scott. 69—T. H. Irvine. 72—J. A. Gregg. 76—R. Hamilton, G. Lightbody. 79—J. Cousins, G. Bannerman, T. F. McKay, G. Robinson, F. H. Kirkpatrick, H. Parker, H. Wilkinson. 83—J. B. Watson. 86—C. E. Haight. 90—A. A. Cameron. 91—C. W. Crandall, P. W. Brown. 92—H. Dyke, J. Hipson. 93—J. Crawford, F. R. Collins. 91—H. Metcalf, W. D. Bothwell, F. H. Lauder. 97—W. B. Fairburn. 100—W. Watson, E. R. Quackenbush. 103—N. R. McGregor, E. R. Wilson. 105—R. A. Murray. 115—G. M. Bowman. 116—W. E. Millson. 119—A. H. Kennedy. 121—H. F. Muir, E. Vansickle, J. Harp, S. A. Wheeler. 123—D. Ketcheson, C. H. Denyes, A. C. Faulkner, J. G. Shaw, C. C. Walker. 126—R. Armstrong. 127—E. D. Huffman. 137—F. Mott. 140—J. Elgie. 142—L. J. Selleck, J. W. A. Kirk. 144—J. G. Craig, A. J. Facey. 151—C. A. Washburn. 151—J. C. Taylor. 157—J. W. Thompson. 159—W. J. Gould, A. W. Doherty. 161—H. S. Aylsworth. 165—F. W. Galloway, W. Wiggins. 172—R. Gourlay. 177—W. T. Walby. 185—J. Senn, J. Martindale, C. J. Martindale, A. A. Bain, W. J. Renshaw, W. A. Tomlinson. 192—R. H. Montgomery, W. J. Foster, R. Mainer, E. Wakefield, A. Hector, H. F. McLean. 196—A. A. Campbell. 201—J. C. Thompson. 203—R. Bullock. 215—J. E. Robinson, J. A. Eaton. 216—J. G. Harris, K. D. Reid, W. G. E. Cooper, N. Morris. 218—J. A. Williams. 219—J. C. Shortell, J. K. Cross, C. W. Bes-

coby. 230—P. M. Peacock. 235—W. W. Brown. 238—F. K. Mathews. 249—T. A. Richardson, W. H. Taylor. 255—A. Cuthbert. 260—J. Belasco. 261—G. McKee. 264—C. B. McLean. 265—J. Hord. 271—T. McNally. 272—W. H. Moffatt. 284—C. A. Toole. 285—H. E. Mitchell. 286—W. H. Barrand; F. R. Scandrett; C. A. Campbell; A. Hamilton. 287—C. Johnston. 289—C. McArthur; W. McGibbon. 297—A. Mass. 302—J. Coupland; D. J. Lewis; A. J. Clark, C. F. Maxwell. 304—W. Adams, J. J. Coulter. 312—R. Fish. 314—A. Brechin. 315—A. H. Preston, W. D. Ellis. 316—R. J. Gardiner, J. M. Kennedy. 319—C. W. Kauffman, C. W. F. Howard, D. Millard, G. Morrow, W. K. Smith, E. Shildrick, J. W. Fleming, D. G. Williamson, O. E. Bowman. 323—W. Morrison, E. Hodgins. 324—F. Humphrey, J. D. Chilman, C. S. Cochran. 338—J. R. Clendenning. 339—W. McMullen, J. Walsh, W. Ingram, T. H. Martin, J. M. Zimmerman. 343—T. F. Corey. 346—J. R. McLean. 354—J. Wright. 360—G. E. Cox. 361—H. C. McLean. 364—J. A. McEwen, T. W. Williams. 367—T. H. Matthews. 369—J. Critchley. 371—J. W. Swain. 373—O. Smithers, F. H. Stevens. 375—J. Morrison. 376—G. A. Campbell. 377—J. A. Skeeding, G. B. Keys, T. J. Harrison. 378—S. J. Cook, W. G. Moore, W. A. Jenkins. 380—P. McMartin, N. McIntyre. 382—L. Mattice, S. Wright, C. Nex. 384—A. R. Denison, E. R. McKinley. 385—H. Dreadgold. 387—L. W. Robertson. 388—W. W. Robson, J. Patrick. 391—R. W. Young. 394—W. F. Kennedy. 395—T. H. Warren. 398—F. N. Rutherford. 403—D. J. Cheyne, F. W. Manning. 409—J. W. Cook. 410—M. Wright. 411—J. D. McLean. 413—O. A. Harper. 415—F. H. Robinson, J. B. Pegg. 416—L. McVeigh. 419—D. L. Paterson. 426—F. C. Hallett, R. J. Kalsey. 427—W. L. Black. 431—J. A. Gregg. 434—W. Jenkin, A. E. Croghan. 435—A. Mathieson, W. J. Buchanan. 438—A. J. Edwards. 439—W. B. Conroy. 444—McK. A. Matchett, R. Matchett. 445—G. M. James. 448—W. C. Dainty. 450—B. F. Miller. 453—A. Stewart, T. Johnston, E. Stover, J. A. Keys. 455—R. M. Boyd. 458—A. E. Hagar. 462—G. L. Campbell. 470—J. E. Readman, H. S. G. Burns, C. G. Tucker. 474—W. L. Clarke. 475—J. W. Sumner. 485—N. C. McVittie, T. R. Adshead, J. A. Griffiths. 494—R. F. D. Thomas, M. Ailingham. 497—G. H. Monds. 515—A. A. Wittstein.

In Memoriam

Most Worshipful Brother

John Ross Robertson

Past Grand Master and a member of
King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, Toronto.

DIED MAY 31st, 1918.

Right Worshipful Brother

James Evans

P.D.D.G.M. Ontario District No. 12, and a member of
Ontario Lodge No. 26, Port Hope.

DIED JULY 23rd, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

John O. Smith

P.D.D.G.M. Eastern District No. 21, and a member of
Plantaganet Lodge No. 186, Riceville.

DIED JULY 26th, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

John F. Graham

P.D.D.G.M. Eastern District No. 21, and a member of
Central Lodge No. 110, Prescott.

DIED AUGUST 22nd, 1917.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

Arthur McGinnis

Past Grand Senior Warden, and a member
Moirs Lodge No. 11, Belleville.

DIED SEPTEMBER 10th, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

Charles F. Harris

Past Grand Registrar, and a member of
Saugeen Lodge No. 197, Walkerton.

DIED OCTOBER 12th, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

Richard J. Hovenden

Past Grand Senior Warden, and a member of
St. John's Lodge No. 75, Toronto.

DIED OCTOBER 25th, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

D. D. Campbell

P.D.D.G.M. Huron District No. 5, and a member of
Bernard Lodge No. 225, Listowel.

DIED JANUARY 6th, 1918.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

Robert Hendry

P.D.D.G.M. Frontenac District No. 14, and a member of
Cataragui Lodge No. 92, Kingston.

DIED FEBRUARY 8th, 1918.

Right Worshipful Brother

S. B. Fell

P.D.D.G.M. Eastern District No. 21, and a member of
Excelsior Lodge No. 142, Morrisburg.

DIED FEBRUARY 18th, 1918.

Right Worshipful Brother

John Scoon

P.D.D.G.M. Wellington District No. 7, and a member of
Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph.

DIED MARCH 3rd, 1918.

Right Worshipful Brother

Rev. E. H. Mussen

Past Grand Chaplain, and a member of
St. George's Lodge No. 367, Toronto.

DIED MARCH 16th, 1918.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

Robert McKnight

P.D.D.G.M. Georgian District No. 9, and a member of
St. George's Lodge No. 88, Owen Sound.

DIED JUNE 19th, 1918.

Right Worshipful Brother

John Coy

P.D.D.G.M. Niagara District No. 10, and a member of
Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103, St. Catharines.

DIED JUNE 22nd, 1918.

Very Worshipful Brother

Thomas Pedler

Past Grand Steward, and a member of
Temple Lodge No. 324, Hamilton.

DIED AUGUST 13th, 1917.

Very Worshipful Brother

Sanderson Percy

Past Grand Steward, and a member of
Ashlar Lodge No. 247, Toronto.

DIED AUGUST 27th, 1917.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

Rev. John Farncomb

Past Grand Steward, and a member of
Durham Lodge No. 66, Newcastle.

DIED SEPTEMBER 1st, 1917.

Very Worshipful Brother

Charles Donovan

Past Grand Steward, and a member of
Shamrock Lodge No. 533, Toronto.

DIED OCTOBER 6th, 1917.

Very Worshipful Brother

Alfred Jones

Past Assistant Grand Secretary, and a member of
Dufferin Lodge No. 291, W. Flamboro'.

DIED NOVEMBER 8th, 1917.

Very Worshipful Brother

Walter Chatfield

Past Grand Supt. of Works, and a member of
St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines.

DIED DECEMBER 1st, 1917.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

Alexander McLaren

Past Grand Steward, and a member of
St. George's Lodge No. 15, St. Catharines.

DIED DECEMBER 3rd, 1917.

Very Worshipful Brother

M. K. Richardson

Past Grand Steward, and a member of
Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, Flesherton.

DIED DECEMBER 5th, 1917.

Very Worshipful Brother

Walter Greenhill

Past Grand Sword Bearer, and a member of
Acacia Lodge No. 61, Hamilton.

DIED JANUARY 1st, 1918.

Very Worshipful Brother

Oliver J. Bridle

Past Grand Steward, and a member of
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Appendix to Proceedings of 1918

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

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To the President of the Board of General Purposes :

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence submits the following review of all proceedings of grand lodges which have reached the committee up to the time at which it is necessary to close the report.

Alabama.....	1917	New Hampshire.....	1917
Alberta.....	1917	New Jersey.....	1917
Arizona.....	1917	New Mexico.....	1917
Arkansas.....	1917	New South Wales.....	1917
British Columbia.....	1917	New York.....	1917
California.....	1917	North Dakota.....	1917
Colorado.....	1917	Nova Scotia.....	1917
Connecticut.....	1918	Ohio.....	1917
Delaware.....	1916	Oregon.....	1917
District of Columbia.....	1917	Pennsylvania.....	1917
England.....	1917	Philippine Islands.....	1916-18
Florida.....	1918	Prince Edward Isl'd.....	1917
Georgia.....	1917	Quebec.....	1918
Idaho.....	1917	Queensland.....	1917
Illinois.....	1917	Rhode Island.....	1917
Indiana.....	1918	Saskatchewan.....	1917
Iowa.....	1917	Scotland.....	1917
Kansas.....	1918	South Australia.....	1917
Kentucky.....	1917	South Dakota.....	1917
Louisiana.....	1918	Tasmania.....	1917
Maine.....	1917	Tennessee.....	1918
Manitoba.....	1917	Texas.....	1917
Maryland.....	1917	Utah.....	1918
Massachusetts.....	1916	Victoria.....	1916
Michigan.....	1917	Virginia.....	1917
Minnesota.....	1918	Washington.....	1917
Mississippi.....	1918	Western Australia.....	1917
Missouri.....	1917	West Virginia.....	1917
Nebraska.....	1917	Wisconsin.....	1917
Nevada.....	1917	Wyoming.....	1917
New Brunswick.....	1917		

ALABAMA.

The ninety-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was opened at Montgomery December 5th, 1917. Walter Smith Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master said that the year had been fairly successful, and that, notwithstanding the troublous times, there had been a fair growth in membership.

He had issued dispensations for the formation of four new lodges.

Diplomas had been withdrawn from the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Alabama near the Grand Lodges of Canada, Mississippi, North Dakota and Washington, because those representatives had not attended the annual communications of their respective Grand Lodges for three years.

The financial affairs of the Masonic home had given the Grand Master much concern. Twenty thousand dollars had been borrowed from the endowment fund for current expenses, which, Bro. Smith said, "is a deficit as truly as if it had been borrowed from other sources." In the previous year there had been a bond issue of ten thousand dollars; and the deficit for the year 1917 was for about the same amount, so that, said the Grand Master, there was an "accumulated deficit at that time of about forty thousand dollars." He recommended an increase in the per capita tax for the home to one dollar; otherwise they would have to "face the alternative of closing the home and turning the children back to the places whence they came, there to be cared for or not as the case may be." Grand Lodge adopted an amendment to the constitution requiring subordinate lodges to pay to Grand Lodge \$1.50 for each member, of which one dollar shall be reserved for benevolence. This amendment must be submitted to the lodges for approval.

Speaking of the physical qualifications of candidates the Grand Master said:

I adopted for myself a rule that where the candidate could, either with his own person or with the aid of artificial limbs, place himself in the necessary positions and give the signs and grips, that I would approve the action of a lodge in accepting such candidate.

Referring to the war he said:

Our reasons for entering are the most logical and convincing that could be conceived. Our existence as a nation has been imperilled, our honour and our rights upon sea and land have been violated; and, notwithstanding the voice of the pacifist, the socialist and the pro-German, we have cast our lot with those who we conceive are fighting for the upholding of the right.

He recommended that a roll of honour should be prepared showing the names of all Masons in the state who are serving in the war.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recognition was given to the Grand Lodge of Panama. In making its report the committee said:

So far as we can see there is only one possible objection that could be urged against the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama and that is the Scottish Rite origin of its Masonry. It is undeniable that it first issued from the bosom of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council of Colombia and that the Masons who in 1907-1911, secured charters for six lodges from the Grand Lodge of Venezuela were, as a rule, made under Scottish Rite obediences. But since they have shown an unmistakable purpose to cut aloose from the Scottish Rite system and to adhere to the Grand Lodge form of Government, have adopted ancient craft practices and ritual and confine themselves to the three symbolic degrees, we do not regard the fact that they ultimately trace from Scottish Rite sources as any obstacle to their recognition.

On recommendation of the same committee it was resolved—

That Masons holding membership in its lodges are, until otherwise ordered, privileged to visit lodges of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Orient of France and to hold Masonic intercourse with their members, and that lodges holding under this Grand Lodge are authorized to admit as visitors Masons holding under said Grand bodies of France.

A proposal to authorize the Grand Master to issue dispensations for the establishment of army lodges was reported upon adversely by a committee, and was rejected by Grand Lodge.

At a meeting held on the 4th of December to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England W. Bro. Oliver Day Street delivered a very interesting address, into which he condensed the main facts of English Masonic history.

The same brother submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence.

Quoting a statement by M. W. Bro. Luke that in this jurisdiction "it is customary, not compulsory, for the Worshipful Master to invite the brethren to examine the ballot," Bro. Street said:

The practice is not uniform on this point. A proposition was submitted by the Grand Committee of Scotland at a quarterly held in May 1915 that "such a practice should not be permitted." We do not know whether the proposition has yet been adopted.

Lest there should be misunderstanding, let us explain that in this jurisdiction it is compulsory, after the ballot has been taken, to place the ballot box on the altar, where any member of the lodge who wishes to do so may examine it: it is not compulsory upon the Master of the lodge to invite the brethren to exercise their privilege.

Bro. Street has no doubt that the three lesser lights of the lodge should be near the altar; and he has a diagram showing the arrangement substantially agreeing with the practice in this jurisdiction. Dr. Oliver tells us that the three lesser lights "are situated in the east, west and south, in allusion to the apparent course of the sun, which, rising in the east, gains its meridian in the south, and disappears in the west." If, then, they are "in" the east, west and south, how can they be grouped around the altar in the centre of the room?

In reference to our statement that "the Atholl or Ancient Grand Lodge was formed in London in 1751 by lodges which seceded from the regular Grand Lodge of England," Bro. Street says:

Bro. Henry Sadler many years ago proved the error of this, and showed that it was formed by Irish lodges and Masons in England that had never belonged or owed allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England.

We have yet to learn that the Grand Lodge of Ireland ever warranted any lodges in England. Bro. Sadler's name is respectable as a Masonic writer: but his "Masonic Facts and Fictions" was published in 1887; and much has been learned since that time. Citing Robert Freke Gould as his authority, Mackey says:

Before its actual organization the brethren of the different lodges appear to have combined under the title of the "Grand Committee." This body, it would seem, subsequently became the Grand Lodge. The earliest preserved record of the transactions of this committee has the date of July 17, 1751. On that day there was an assembly of the Ancient Masons at the Turk's Head tavern, in Greek street, Soho, when the Masters of the several lodges which recognized the Grand Committee as their head, namely lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, "were authorized to grant dispensations and warrants and to act as Grand Master."

Somewhat later in the same year this new body issued its first warrant to a lodge which was numbered 8. Laurence Dermott, who was an Irish Mason, was at the time a member of a regular English lodge, and did not affiliate with the Ancients till 1752.

Lodges in Alabama 546, including 2 under dispensation; members 29,681, a gain for the year of 1,085.

Robert Sterling Teague, Montgomery, Grand Master.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA.

The twelfth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was opened at Banff May 30th, 1917. E. T. Bishop Grand Master.

The Grand Master reported that he had constituted five lodges and had issued dispensations for the formation of five new lodges.

Six lodges had been incorporated under the laws of the Province of Alberta during the year.

Only one district in the jurisdiction had held a lodge of instruction; and the Grand Master recommended the other districts to follow the example set them.

He had decided that he could not grant a dispensation to initiate a candidate not physically perfect. He said: "The Grand Master has no jurisdiction in the matter, as neither by prerogative right nor by a power conferred on him by the constitution has he the right to alter an ancient landmark."

We cannot help thinking that Bro. Bishop has misunderstood the requirements of physical qualifications of candidates and his own powers in the matter. Undoubtedly the first constitution of the Grand Lodge of England required a candidate to be "a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his Master's lord." But that is not an unchangeable law, for the Grand Lodge of England has changed it by providing that a candidate may be accepted who, though having physical defects, is able to comply with all the requirements of the ceremonies; and most of the Grand Lodges throughout the world have taken like action. That undoubtedly carries the meaning of the provisions in the ancient charges. The Regius manuscript, or Halliwell poem, recites that the apprentice must have his limbs whole, because

To the craft it were great shame
To make a halt man and a lame.
A maimed man he hath no might.
You may it know long ere night.

The Matthew Cooke manuscript says that "No Master, from covetousness or for gain, shall accept an apprentice that is unprofitable, that is having any main or defect by reason of which he is incapable of doing a mason's proper work."

The charge known as the Grand Lodge manuscript recites that "He which shall be made a mason must be able in all the main degrees, that is to say freeborn, come of good kindred, true and no

bondman. And also that he have his right lymes as a man ought to have."

There is not a reasonable doubt that the intent of the old charges was that an apprentice must be one capable of doing efficient work as a mason; and the modern apprentice should be one capable of complying with every part of the Masonic ceremonies. And not only the Grand Master but the Master of a lodge should be able to judge whether or not a candidate can comply with that requirement. That view was taken by the committee to which the Grand Master's address was referred.

Referring to the war Bro. Bishop said:

As I went from place to place I saw in our lodges the names of our men who have gone, the records of the men who have fallen. Very many of our brethren are now at the front; many of them will never return. All this is throwing upon us a responsibility which we cannot ignore, and which it will be our greatest honour and our highest privilege to meet. The welfare of the widows and children of our departed brethren must be for years to come the principal concern of this fraternity. Our obligation in this regard will not be answered by subscriptions suitable to our convenience or given with consideration as to what others give. Not until the giving hurts us do we really begin to give.

A brother affirmed that at least ten per cent. of the membership of Masonic lodges in Alberta had then enlisted; and a resolution was adopted favouring compulsory service of "men, material, and wealth" throughout the Dominion for the successful prosecution of the war.

The excellent, though brief, report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who tells us that it "is intended primarily for our own readers." And that is exactly what such a report should be—to let the brethren in the jurisdiction know what Masons and Masonry throughout the world are doing.

Lodges in Alberta 95; members 7,504, a gain for the year of 338.

W. M. Connacher, Calgary, Grand Master.

S. Y. Taylor, Calgary, Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA.

The thirty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona was opened at Phoenix February 13th, 1917. Frederick Wellington Perkins Grand Master.

While the volume of Proceedings before us gives evidence of Masonic activity within the jurisdiction, there is not much in it of interest to those without. The Grand Master had visited all the lodges in the state, and reported that they had had a prosperous and peaceful year.

Two Past Grand Masters had been called to their reward—M. W. Bro. Benjamin Titus, who was Grand Master in 1885; and M. W. Bro. Alonzo Bailey, who presided at the convention which formed the Grand Lodge in 1882, and who was elected Grand Master the following year.

Recognition having been extended to the Grand Lodges of Queensland and the Philippine Islands, representatives were recommended and appointed.

A committee of Grand Lodge is endeavouring to secure material for a history of Freemasonry in Arizona, but it is not meeting with much success.

There is no report on Fraternal Correspondence

Lodges in Arizona 24; members 2,876, a gain for the year of 208.

Charles Custis Woolf, Tempe, Grand Master.

George J. Roskrige, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The seventy-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was opened at Little Rock November 20th, 1917. J. S. Reamy Grand Master.

Immediately after the formal opening there were patriotic speeches, led by the Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, read an original poem breathing patriotic fervour.

The Grand Master had issued a circular to the lodges throughout the jurisdiction urging upon the brethren the necessity for strict economy and food conservation during the continuance of the war.

Dispensations had been issued for the formation of three new lodges.

The Grand Master favoured the use of a uniform lodge receipt, which will serve the purpose of an identification card.

On the recommendation of the Grand Master, supported by a favourable report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama; but recognition of the Grand Lodge of France was deferred pending further investigation.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. W. Bro. Samuel W. Hogan, Grand Master of Masons in Oklahoma; and M. W. Bro. John W. Armstrong, Grand Master of Louisiana.

After the formal closing of Grand Lodge the officers of a private lodge worked the Fellowcraft degree for the edification of the brethren. It was "conferred in a most thorough and interesting manner, and was greatly enjoyed by the large attendance."

There was no report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Lodges in Arkansas 561, including three under dispensation; members 22,133, an increase for the year of 397.

Milton Winham, Texarkana, Grand Master.

Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The forty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was opened at New Westminster June 21st, 1917. William Astley Grand Master.

Bro. Astley's Masonic activities were largely given to visits to lodges throughout the jurisdiction, and he visited nearly all of them. Of these visits he said:

I have endeavoured to visit during my term of office as many of the constituent lodges as possible, and am pleased to say that notwithstanding the fearful drain that the different lodges have been subject to in order that the ranks of the brave might be kept up to their full strength, Freemasonry on the whole has prospered during this year. Some of our lodges have sent forth no less than 38 per cent. of their membership to do battle with the enemy in the cause of liberty and civilization. In nearly every lodge that I visited honour rolls are now to be seen, but it is indeed saddening to note the "killed in action" and "died of wounds" after so many brothers' names.

He had asked the brethren of the jurisdiction to provide a fund for Masons returning wounded and otherwise disabled, by contributing one cent a day each. While his expectations respecting this fund had not been fully realized, a very considerable sum had been realized, and contributions were still reaching the treasurer.

The "names of members who have enlisted for active service" fill twenty pages of the Proceedings.

One lodge was constituted, and (apparently) a dispensation was granted for the formation of a new lodge.

Among the resolutions adopted on the initiative of the Committee on Resolutions was the following:

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge, in annual meeting assembled, realizing the long-drawn battle and the straining almost to the limit of the energy and resources of the empire and our allies, heartfully expresses its gratification on the addition to the man, moral and material forces by the action of the United States in joining with the forces fighting for democracy, and expresses its convictions that such action will have a tendency towards drawing closer and closer those ever harmonious relations that have heretofore existed between our sister jurisdictions of the United States and ourselves.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was again contributed by Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, who always has something to say and who always says it in idiomatic English. Speaking of Mexico,

he says that "the implication that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is a part of regular Masonry is too funny for words."

In 1916 M. W. Bro. Luke of this jurisdiction ruled that a member of a lodge in a foreign jurisdiction who came to Canada and became a charter member of a lodge here, and who was subsequently suspended in the foreign lodge for non-payment of dues, remained in good standing in Canada. Of this Bro. DeWolf-Smith said:

We cannot admit the correctness of this ruling. It is a direct contradiction of the recognized principle of Masonic law that "a lodge exercises penal jurisdiction over all its members wherever they reside," and a member of a foreign lodge, suspended by that lodge, is as much a suspended Mason in Ontario as he would be in his own town.

There is a good deal to be said for Bro. De Wolf-Smith's contention, and yet there are several ways of looking at the question. In the first place, the payment of dues is a matter between the lodge and the member. Certainly a suspended member is "deprived of all Masonic rights and privileges"; but that deprivation is confined to the jurisdiction in which he stands suspended. We cannot determine the status of a Mason in another grand jurisdiction, nor can we permit another grand jurisdiction to determine the status of a Mason in this. In some jurisdictions a Mason may be expelled for the crime of owning stock in a hotel in which intoxicating liquor is sold. But in this jurisdiction ownership of stock in a hotel in which intoxicants are sold is not a Masonic offence; and "a lodge cannot deprive a member of his privileges until after due trial and conviction." Nor can he be convicted unless he is found guilty of that which is a Masonic offence under the law of this jurisdiction.

Lodges in British Columbia 80, including two under dispensation; members 7,683, an apparent loss of membership, but the returns from one lodge are missing.

Douglas Corson, M.D., Fernie, Grand Master.

W. A. DeWolf-Smith, M.D., New Westminster, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The sixty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of California was opened at San Francisco October 8th, 1917. Francis V. Keesling Grand Master.

Bro. Keesling's ideas of Masonic duties and ideals are those which all good Masons will approve. He said:

In the ultimate analysis accomplishment is the requirement. Effort sufficient to an understanding of necessary action, but without that action, is of inconsiderable value as compared with accomplishment. The ratio is as the unfinished to the finished. The inclination is to clothe with the mantle of charity misdirected but well-intentioned effort, but it affords little consolation in the inventory of achievement. In accomplishment, therefore, lies the welfare of our great Institution. It is required that we be vigilant.

He had issued a circular strongly urging lodges throughout the jurisdiction to invest their savings in government war bonds. This both as a prudent investment and as a patriotic duty.

Among his rulings were the following:

Use of the Masonic emblem or intentional reference to Masonic membership for political advertisement constitutes a violation of Masonic law.

The Grand Master has not the power to issue a dispensation for the formation of a travelling lodge.

Dispensation should not be granted for lodges at military barracks or naval yards situated within distance of easy access of lodges regularly chartered.

He had declined to attend the conference of Grand Masters proposed by the Grand Master of Masons in Oregon. He held that he ought not to do so without authority of the Grand Lodge of California; and he added "That which is not official I believe should not be attempted by Grand Masters unofficially." Further, he felt than an attempt would be made at the conference to establish a general Grand Lodge for the United States, and he was of opinion that "a general Grand Lodge should not be established."

Three Past Grand Masters had died in California during the year: Samual Crawford Denson,

who was Grand Master in 1880; Charles Wilber Nutting, who was Grand Master in 1904; and Edward Henry Hart, who was Grand Master in 1907. The last named was chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and his loss will be generally regretted.

Dispensations for three new lodges were issued during the year.

The various boards of benevolence continued their wonderful charities, and the various employment bureaus continued their wonderful activities. In San Francisco alone the employment bureaus secured 1,995 positions for brethren seeking employment.

A resolution unanimously adopted made it obligatory on Masters of lodges throughout the state to present to each candidate on being raised a copy of the constitution.

A special committee was appointed to formulate a scheme by which each member of the fraternity in the jurisdiction shall be required to contribute one dollar a year to the endowment fund of the Masonic homes.

W. Bro. Samuel D. Mayer was invested for the fiftieth time as Grand Organist; and, at the conclusion of the ceremony Past Grand Master Bledsoe presented the veteran musician with a gold mounted ebony cane.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was written by M. W. Bro. Edward H. Hart, but it was not presented by him: two weeks before the meeting of Grand Lodge Bro. Hart crossed the great divide. He had written nine reports on Correspondence, and was an able and conscientious reviewer. His death is a decided loss to Masonic study.

Lodges in California 379; members 60,384, a gain for the year of 2,528.

William Rhodes Hervey, Los Angeles, Grand Master.

John Whicher, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

The fifty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado was opened at Denver September 18th, 1917. Guy V. Sternberg Grand Master.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master referred to the war, and said:

In the titanic struggle now waging, it is hoped that each member of the craft will heed the teachings of the fraternity, and the duties of good citizenship, and forget not that our government is worthy of his utmost loyalty and patriotism, and that its interests must always be first and foremost.

On account of the unwarranted, illegal, and inhuman conduct of the war on the part of the Imperial German government, we have been compelled to recognize that it is our war, a war for humanity, a war to establish the peace of the world, the freedom of its peoples, and to bring about the end of autocracies.

He had refused to approve a by-law of a lodge providing that members in arrears for dues should not be permitted to vote. He pointed out that the constitution prescribes the manner of dealing with members in arrears, and until such members are so dealt with they are under no disability whatever and are entitled to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Three lodges had been constituted during the year.

He had been present at a reception tendered to M. W. Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf which marked the fifty-first anniversary of Bro. Greenleaf's installation as Worshipful Master of Denver Lodge and the fiftieth anniversary of his installation as High Priest of Denver Chapter, R. A. M. The proceedings on the occasion were of a very interesting character.

Bro. Sternberg reported the condition of the craft in Colorado to be satisfactory, that the finances were in good shape, and that relations with other jurisdictions were harmonious.

He recommended that lodges throughout the state have permission to remit dues of members

entering the military or naval service of the United States. The Grand Lodge approved the recommendation.

The principle of warranting military lodges was approved, and the Grand Master was given power to issue warrants for such lodges when, in his opinion, the circumstances were favourable.

A proposal to limit membership of Colorado lodges to citizens of the United States was not adopted.

The report on Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf. It was his thirty-third report, and we regret to say that it will be his last. Bro. Greenleaf explains that, suffering from partial paralysis, he had for three years written his reports with great difficulty, and that he felt compelled to decline reappointment to the position of correspondent. His natural qualifications for the position and his long experience made him a valued and highly esteemed reviewer, and his retirement will be cause of wide-felt regret. He was far-seeing in his view of things Masonic, kindly in criticism, and just in judgment. Though his hand is palsied, Bro. Greenleaf's work gives evidence that his brain is clear, and we sincerely trust that he may still be permitted to enjoy life among his brethren in the declining years of his useful career.

Lodges in Colorado 132; members 19,123, a gain for the year of 948.

L. D. Crain, Fort Collins, Grand Master.

Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The one hundred and thirtieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was opened at Hartford February 6th, 1918. L. J. Nickerson Grand Master.

In his opening address the Grand Master called attention to the fact that the United States

had entered the war for the preservation of the world's liberties against the powers of central Europe, who had waged the most bloody and destructive war in the world's history, and had "practiced a brutality and barbarism never before known in the annals of civilization." He added:

While we are chaitable let us remember that the monarchies and militarists responsible for such brutality and barbarism, against whom our nation is now at war, have always placed upon Freemasonry the heel of contempt because Freemasonry stands for equality, among men and denies the divine right of kings to rule. From the time of Frederick the Great it has been the practice of the house of Hohenzollern to toss people about from sovereignty to sovereignty. We have had presented to us a spectacle of a German ruler claiming that "the spirit of the Lord" had descended upon him because he was the Emperor of the Germans and that God demanded the destruction of all the enemies of the German people.

It is against such a ruler in the darkest hour of history that our brothers have started for the front. They have gone forth prepared to make the supreme sacrifice for their country. Masonry trains men for citizenship. In that way it has written its basic principles of civilized and religious liberty into the organic law of this great republic which secures to us the sacred rights of personal liberty, personal security and private property. We have all sworn to support it and let us continue to support it with all the power that God has given us until we finally and forever drop the working tools of life.

The Grand Master reported the death of M. W. Bro. James McCormick, the senior Past Grand Master of the jurisdiction, who was installed in the grand east in 1881; and served for two years. He was born in 1831, and at the time of his death he had not failed for fifty-eight years to attend the annual communications of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Nickerson had appointed a special committee to solicit subscriptions to the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of replacing the present frame buildings of the Masonic home with fireproof construction.

"The chain letter is a nuisance," said Bro. Nickerson, and he recommended that those receiving such should pay no attention to them whatever.

He ruled that a brother who had dimitted from a lodge in Italy might affiliate with a lodge in Connecticut, though Connecticut does not recognize the Grand Orient of Italy. At the same time he ruled that Connecticut Masons must not visit Masonic bodies in France or Belgium, because those jurisdictions were not recognized by Connecticut. "You cannot lawfully recognize that which the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction you hail does not recognize," said Bro. Nickerson. The two rulings do not appear to be in harmony.

He had decided that he would grant dispensations for army lodges if properly requested by a sufficient number of regular Masons belonging to Connecticut lodges. Apparently no such requests had been made.

He had been invited by the Grand Master of Oregon to attend a conference of Grand Masters at Portland. After mature consideration he decided that by attending such conference no result would be attained which would justify the time and expense of a journey across the continent.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodges of Panama and of Cuscatlan in San Salvador were recognized.

Grand Lodge decided to unite with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

The Committee on Grievances reported that no business had come before it: there were no grievances.

A special committee was appointed to digest and arrange the decisions of Grand Masters which have been approved by Grand Lodge.

In view of the fact that the Masonic bodies of France had been requested to restore the Bible to their altars and to require of their candidates an expression of belief in the Great Architect of the Universe, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved by this Grand Lodge that in the event of the success of the efforts now being made to bring about these changes, the Grand Master may, in his discretion, call an

emergent communication of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the resuming of fraternal relations with the grand bodies of Masons in France.

The report on Correspondence was again submitted by M. W. Bro. Geo. A. Kies. Bro. Kies can see no harm in the use of a "loose-leaf" minute book, and says that one is in use in his Grand Secretary's office. Having no expert opinion to offer we have nothing to say on the subject.

He also notes that the Connecticut proceedings for 1917 were not reviewed by this scribe. The reason for the failure, dear Bro. Kies, is that the proceedings did not reach us.

Lodges in Connecticut 110; members 28,114, a gain for the year of 1,163.

William P. English, Hartford, Grand Master.

George A. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The one hundred and eleventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was opened at Wilmington October 14th, 1916. Walter W. Bacon Grand Master.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. W. Bro. W. R. Meakle, Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey, and a number of the officers and past officers of that jurisdiction.

The Grand Master reported the loss by death of two Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bro. R. Henry Young, who was Grand Master in 1904, and who died November 15th, 1915; and M. W. Bro. Virginius V. Harrison, who was Grand Master in 1894 and Grand Secretary from 1907 till the time of his death on the 28th of December, 1915.

During the year M. W. Bro. Bacon had visited nineteen of the twenty-two lodges in the jurisdiction.

He had decided that, where a brother whose body was cremated had desired a Masonic funeral, his lodge was at liberty to perform the ceremony over his ashes.

At the close of the first day's session a lodge of instruction was held, at which all the craft degrees were exemplified for the instruction of members of Grand Lodge.

After the lamented death of Grand Secretary Harrison the Grand Master appointed Past Grand Master Harry J. Guthrie to fill the unexpired term. At the subsequent election Bro. Guthrie was elected to the office.

Deploring the horrors of the war in Europe, and hoping for the speedy return of peace, the Grand Master said: "The fraternity when the end of the war comes, must be ready to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bind up the wounds of the afflicted, and assist in developing a spirit that will forever make it impossible for armies to wrestle with armies for military glory and human mastery."

Among the standing resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Delaware is one providing that each Master elect in the jurisdiction shall have the Past Master's degree conferred upon him, separately and alone, in a lodge of actual Past Masters, duly assembled for that purpose, before he can be installed Master. That is right. Craft Masonry should be self-containing and self-supplying. It should not be dependent upon any other body, Masonic or non-Masonic, for any of its requirements. Craft Masons, as such, do not know of the existence of a Royal Arch Chapter, nor do they know that, under the jurisdiction of a Royal Arch Chapter, a ceremony is worked corresponding to the degree of Installed Master in a craft lodge. In fact in many jurisdictions the degree is not conferred by or under the Royal Arch. There is good reason for thinking that the degree of Installed Master was practiced long before the Royal Arch was invented—in fact from the very inception of the ceremony of installation; and Craft Masons should not look to another body for a degree which is the legitimate property of Craft Masonry.

The Grand Secretary submitted a report on Foreign Correspondence, but it does not appear in the proceedings.

Lodges in Delaware 22 members 3,698, a net gain of 149.

Stuart J. Horn, Wilmington, Grand Master.

Harry J. Guthrie, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A stated communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was held at Washington March 10th, 1917, for the purpose of exemplifying the work of the three degrees for the instruction of the Masters, Past Masters and brethren of the jurisdiction. All the lodges were represented, and the Grand Master congratulated the workers on the success of the work.

A special communication was held April 10th, for the purpose of committing to the grave the remains of M. W. Bro. Henry Kedgley Simpson, who was Grand Master in 1909, and who died April 7th, 1917.

The second stated communication was held May 9th, 1917. James W. Witten Grand Master.

A committee appointed to consider the feasibility of establishing a non-sectarian university, under Masonic auspices, reported in favour of the project. The report was received and referred to a special committee for further report.

The Masonic Employment Bureau had been doing good work, and had found employment for many brethren; but the lodges in the jurisdiction were not all in favour of contributing to its support. It was resolved to continue it for another year.

A ceremonial was prepared for the reception of the flag of the United States in constituent lodges.

The annual communication was held December 19th, 1917. James W. Witten Grand Master.

The Grand Master said that, while in some respects, the year had produced no unusual fruits, in others it had been replete with activities of large

interest and helpfulness. The craft in the jurisdiction had abundantly justified its continued existence and amply repaid the efforts made in its continuance. In the ten years 1908-1917 more than 5,000 candidates had been raised, and the total membership had increased from 8,740 to 10,830.

"The Masonic Employment Bureau," said Bro. Witten, "continues to meet the purposes of its creation, and is, in my opinion, a most worthy and commendable institution. The very highest form of help that we can give is to help the man to help himself."

From the day that the United States entered the war for the preservation of the world's liberty Bro. Witten had devoted his time and his efforts almost entirely to encourage and benefit the men who were to go to fight the battle of the republic, and in that effort, he said, he had been most generously and enthusiastically supported by the Masons of the jurisdiction. Incomplete returns from the lodges of the District showed that more than 600 Masons were in uniform. He recommended that each lodge keep a record of its soldier members.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence recognition of the Grand Lodge of France was approved and an exchange of representatives authorized. M. W. Bro. Baird, chairman of the committee, has long been an advocate for this recognition.

A stated communication was held on the 24th of December, 1917, when the officers for 1918 were elected and installed or invested.

The report on Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. George W. Baird, chairman of the committee. It is always a pleasure to read Bro. Baird's reports, because he always has something to say, and one always derives instruction from the pleasure.

He thinks the Canadian report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals "might properly

have had names and offences edited out before printing. This kind of information," he adds, "is what our enemies are seeking."

Referring to the refusal of the Secretary of War to permit the erection of Masonic booths at military camps (a refusal afterwards retracted), and the granting of privileges to the Knights of Columbus, Bro. Baird said:

The K. of C. building in the cantonment at Camp Meade is, we believe, but a Roman church, which was formally dedicated by His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, and is provided with the altar, vestments, holy vessels, etc., for the mass.

Lodges in the District of Columbia 30; members 10,830, a gain for the year of 304.

Lem. Towers, Jr., Washington, Grand Master.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of England was held April 25th, 1917, the Deputy Grand Master, Hon. T. F. Halsey, presiding. Col. R. G. Gordon Gilmour, Grand Master of Scotland, was among the visitors.

The Duke of Connaught, who had been re-elected at the previous communication, was proclaimed Grand Master for the ensuing year. His Royal Highness had again appointed Lord Ampthill Pro Grand Master, and Hon. Thomas Frederick Halsey Deputy Grand Master.

Col. Sir A. H. MacMahon was invested with the regalia of honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, to which he had been appointed. It was stated that the former honorary Past Grand Masters of Egypt had been the Duke of Connaught and Lord Kitchener of Khartoum.

A quarterly communication was held June 6th, 1917, the Pro Grand Master presiding.

Lord Rhondda, who was prevented by illness from attending the previous communication, was invested as Senior Grand Warden.

Considerable discussion took place over the action of a London lodge in having some kind of a ceremony after the lodge was closed, but while the officers of the lodge were in their chairs and the members in their seats. It appears to have been a religious ceremony supplicating the G. A. of the U. to grant success to the arms of the entente powers. In the end permission was given to conduct the ceremony provided the ritual should be approved by the Grand Master.

A special communication was held June 23rd, 1917, to commemorate the first assembly of the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught was on the throne.

Among the distinguished visitors were the Earl of Donoughmore, Grand Master, and a number of the principal officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; Gen. Robert Gordon Gilmour, Grand Master, and a number of the grand officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Grand Master announced that he had sent a message to the King pledging to him the loyalty and devotion of the eight thousand Masons assembled at Albert Hall; and that in reply he had received the thanks of his Majesty, who said: "The traditional loyalty of British Freemasons is a force upon which the sovereign of this country has ever reckoned, and has been to me a proud memory during the anxious years through which we are now passing."

The Deputy Grand Master very briefly reviewed the history of the Grand Lodge. At the first meeting of Grand Lodge, he said, there were four lodges, all in London. Now, he continued, there are 3,226 in active work throughout the British empire and beyond its boundaries. This statement did not include lodges under the jurisdiction of the various independent Grand Lodges in colonies and dependencies of the empire.

The Grand Master felicitously addressed the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland, who fittingly responded.

The Worshipful Masters of three of the four original lodges which formed the Grand Lodge were presented to the Grand Master, who said that he had authorized them to wear collars of a special pattern, and he then invested them with the collars.

An address was received from British Masonic prisoners confined at Ruhleben, Germany, pledging themselves "never to lose sight of the allegiance we owe to the sovereign of our native land."

A special Masonic religious service was held at Albert Hall on Sunday, the 24th of June. Various Masonic brethren participated in the service, and the address was delivered by the Bishop of Birmingham, Grand Chaplain.

At a quarterly communication held September 5th, 1917, Sir Edward Letchworth, the venerable Grand Secretary, tendered his resignation, on account of age. It was accepted with regret, and it was resolved to continue the salary of £2,000 during Sir Edward's life. He did not live long to enjoy it, however, for his death was announced at the next quarterly communication. The date was not announced. Sir Edward had been Grand Secretary more than a quarter of a century.

At the quarterly communication held March 6th, 1918, a special committee was appointed to receive subscriptions toward a fund for a Masonic memorial to Sir Edward Letchworth.

A table appended to the printed proceedings for this communication showed the average attendance at quarterly communications to be about 900. For the especial Grand Lodge held on the 23rd June, 1917, 8,277 tickets were issued, of which 7,180 were for Masters and Wardens of lodges, 460 for visitors and deputations, and 637 for Grand Lodge officers.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master.

P. Colville, Smith, M.A., Freemason's Hall, London, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

The eighty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida was opened at Jacksonville, January 15th, 1918. A. S. York Grand Master.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. W. Bro. W. M. Thompson, Grand Master of New Jersey, and M. W. Bro. J. W. Hanan, Past Grand Master of Indiana.

Referring to the war the Grand Master said:

I know that I speak for the Freemasons of this country when I say that among us there is no division of opinion, no whisper of doubt, no fear of our ultimate victory. We stand loyally behind our country and its government and with all that we have and with all that we are, are ready to serve their cause to the utmost.

He congratulated the brethren on the fact that Masonry in Florida was prospering. "Therefore," he said, "we assemble full of rejoicing for the blessings of the past, filled with hope for the future, and confident that God's mercies will never fail."

He lamented the loss by death of M. W. Bro. James Carnell, who was Grand Master in 1901 and 1902; and of M. W. Bro. Samuel Pasco, who was Grand Master for three years, beginning with 1870.

Nine lodges were constituted during the year, and a dispensation was issued for the formation of one new lodge.

Grand Lodge unanimously passed a resolution:

That we pledge the Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, with all that they have and all that they are, to the undivided, unquestioning, and unconditional support of their government in all that it shall do to crown with victory our nation's righteous cause.

A copy of this resolution was transmitted to the President of the United States, to which a very gracious reply was returned.

A very interesting and instructive address was delivered by M. W. Bro. John W. Hanan, P. G. M. of Indiana, in the course of which he said it was John Wyclif who first used the phrase "government

of the people, for the people, and by the people," which President Lincoln so effectively used in his Gettysburg speech. We had not been able to trace before the quotation to its source.

The report on Masonic Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. Silas B. Wright, whose work, especially in his concluding remarks, is of great interest. Bro. Wright is "sorry to note" that the charge to the candidate on his initiation in this jurisdiction has been changed. We may say to Bro. Wright that nothing has been added to the charge as it has come down to us from the fathers, and only a slight change has been made. That change was made because in the old charge, if a native of Germany was the initiate, he was told that nature had implanted in his breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to the country from which he derived his birth and infant nurture. And in these times it is not thought exactly right to tell him that. We cannot agree that there is anything in Masonic law or custom which makes the writings of Preston unchangeable. In fact there are almost as many forms of the charge to the newly-initiated candidate as there are jurisdictions. Preston's illustrations could not have been printed in 1723, because Preston was not born until 1742; and, besides, the Constitutions of the Freemasons printed in 1723 do not contain the charges to the candidates. Further, M. W. Bro. Hannan, of Indiana, in the eloquent address he delivered at Jacksonville, gave a version of the charge, presumably as it is given in Indiana, which agrees in substance with the revised Canadian charge, and the Grand Lodge of Florida heartily approved of it.

Bro. Wright is of the opinion that the Presidents of the United States who were Masons were Washington, Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft.

Lodges in Florida 241; members 14,035, an increase for the year of 670.

T. Picton Warlow, Orlando, Grand Master.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The one hundred and thirty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was opened at Macon October 30th, 1917. Frank O. Miller Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. James M. Rushin, answered to roll call for the fiftieth time, and, when his name was called, he was presented with a Masonic apron, suitably inscribed.

After the formal opening there was an alarm at the door, and inquiry elicited the fact that the flag of the United States sought admittance. It was received with patriotic fervour and much rejoicing.

The Grand Master reported peace and harmony throughout the state, and cordial relations with all other jurisdictions.

He had been asked for nearly three hundred rulings, all of which were on points of local law, and of no interest outside of Georgia.

At the time of the disastrous fire in Atlanta, the Grand Master of California tendered sympathy and material assistance. The sympathy was accepted; the money help was gratefully declined, because Georgia Masons were able to meet the requirements of the time.

A lodge in Georgia was named after a living man who had been active in its organization. This man was afterwards indicted before the civil courts for a "most atrocious crime." He was tried for the same offence by his lodge, declined to make any defence, was found guilty and was expelled. He died before the suit in the criminal court came to trial.

The lodge asked the Grand Master to authorize a change in its name, which he did. It is not always wise to name a lodge after a living man.

A dispensation had been granted for the formation of one new lodge.

Applications were received for recognition of the Grand Lodges of France, of Panama, and of the

Grand Orient of Belgium. In each case action was deferred.

It was resolved that for a period of ten years the per capita dues paid to Grand Lodge by the constituent lodges shall be \$1.50 annually. The intent is to raise an endowment fund of \$300,000 for the maintenance of the Masonic home. Subsequently, however, the motion was reconsidered and declared lost.

Grand Lodge unanimously pledged to the President of the United States cordial and patriotic support in prosecuting the war.

M. W. Bro. Raymund Daniel presented the review of Foreign Proceedings. He thinks the chief items of the preceding year were: The entrance of the United States into the world war; the continued disruption of fraternal relations with enemy countries; the great advancement of the craft; modification of physical requirement regulations; subsidence of the Supreme Grand Lodge plan; and wide-spread requests for recognition by so-called Grand Lodges.

His review is marked by ability, good judgment and brotherly kindness.

Lodges in Georgia 663; members 43,675, a gain for the year of 1,714.

William G. England, Cedartown, Grand Master.

Frank F. Baker, Macon, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

The fiftieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was opened at Boise September 11th, 1917. John D. Bloomfield Grand Master.

Immediately after the formal opening the representatives of sister jurisdictions were welcomed and formally received by the Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Bloomfield was pleased to report that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and few disturbing questions had arisen

in any of the subordinate lodges. All the lodges were prospering, and two had been added to the number during the year. Relations with foreign jurisdictions were cordial.

He noted the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Jonas Warren Brown, who was one of the organizers of the Grand Lodge in 1867, and was Grand Master in 1869. Two years later he served a second term.

The Grand Master recalled the fact that they were celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of Grand Lodge. In 1867 there were four warranted lodges in the state, and one under dispensation. Four of the five were still in existence; but of the seventeen delegates who were present at the organization only three survived.

The orphans fund of Idaho was started in 1869 and it has now grown to the very respectable sum of \$84,000. The brethren of the jurisdiction are justly proud of it.

Referring to the war, the Grand Master said:

This Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho has a duty to perform as have our sister jurisdictions. The time has come when we should show to the world that we are whole-heartedly behind the government and that we have all learned the principle and teaching of Freemasonry, and that we recognize and pay due allegiance to our country and the principles for which it stands. It is our duty as a Grand Lodge, as members of our constituent lodges and as individual Masons to loyally support the beautiful Stars and Stripes which is the emblem of our country, standing for the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

A grant of \$1,000 was made to the funds of the Red Cross Society.

There was a celebration of the semi-centennial of Grand Lodge separate from the official communication, at which the chief doings were historic reminiscences.

R. W. Bro. George E. Knepper, the Grand Secretary, is also chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and he submitted an excellent report. He contented himself for the most

part with summarizing the doings of sister Grand Lodges, and doing the work well, with few remarks of his own.

Lodges in Idaho 64; members 5,112, a gain for the year of 307.

Sherman M. Coffin, Boise, Grand Master.

George E. Knepper, Boise, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The seventy-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was opened at Chicago October 9th, 1917. Ralph H. Wheeler Grand Master.

Immediately after the opening, according to the report, "The lights in the temple were dimmed and the large drop curtain raised, disclosing immense flags of the United States, flanked on the one side with the Union Jack and on the other side with the tri-colour of France."

By unanimous resolution of Grand Lodge the Grand Master was directed to send the following resolution to the President of the United States:

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois, in annual communication, recognizing that our country has been forced into war to preserve those ideals which are the fundamental teachings of our fraternity, hereby registers its assurance to the President of the United States, of its unqualified loyalty to the federal government, and its united support in this great struggle that righteousness may prevail in the world and its peoples safeguarded from the evils of autocratic oppression. Loyalty to God and to country is a dominant note in all the teachings of Freemasonry. As the representatives of the one hundred and sixty thousand members of the fraternity in Illinois, we pledge renewed fealty to our Masonic obligations which recognizes no compromise with treason.

In opening his address the Grand Master called attention to the fact that, out of a membership of 158,000, the craft had approximately 10,000 in the service of the government. Masons, he said, "are loyal citizens, and when the record is made the world will know that our brethren have performed their duty. He added: "This government was in

the main conceived by Masons, and this government can always depend upon the Masons to defend it."

He deplored the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Albert B. Ashley, who was Grand Master in 1909 and 1910.

Eleven lodges had been constituted during the year, and dispensations granted for the formation of ten new lodges.

A new building was in course of erection at the Sullivan Masonic home, which would cost \$65,000; and further sums were voted for furnishing it.

The Grand Master had been called upon to deal in a disciplinary manner with several cases which came before him. Of one of these he said:

There has been in the past a practice prevalent in some of the larger lodges, particularly in the city of Chicago, of calling upon the candidates raised during the year to contribute a certain amount of money to a fund to be used in purchasing a gift for the Master. Knowing this to be the practice I issued an order to the Worshipful Masters of the lodges in Cook county, to the effect that they were not to permit any money to be collected in their lodges for any purpose whatever, and particularly for the purpose of buying a gift for the Master. I further ordered that Masters were not to accept any gift purchased in this manner.

He had come to the conclusion that there was no occasion for the granting of charters and dispensations for the formation of military lodges.

The Committee on Correspondence reported against recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama, and Grand Lodge adopted the report. The reasons given by the committee for reporting adversely on the petition for recognition were that there is nothing to show that the lodges composing the Grand Lodge of Panama were regularly or legitimately formed; that they had their origin in the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Republic of Venezuela; that that Supreme Council was formed by the Supreme Council of Spain; that neither of the bodies named is recognized as a legitimate Masonic body by the Grand Lodge of Illinois; and that the latter body has affirmed that no body save

a representative of Grand Lodge can by warrant or charter create a Grand Lodge that has any claim whatever to the name of Masonry or that can administer its rites.

The Governor of the State of Illinois was introduced to Grand Lodge. He was welcomed by the Grand Master in a felicitous address, to which he returned an equally felicitous reply.

The comprehensive, almost exhaustive, report on Masonic Correspondence was submitted by Bro. Charles H. Martin. Bro. Martin asks for a rating under Fielding's classification of writers, viz., those who sit down to write what they think; those who sit down to think what they shall write; and those who do not think either before or after they sit down. Well, we should say that Bro. Martin thinks all the time, and his thinking is informed by sound judgment.

M. W. Bro. Luke having decided that a brother in good standing in a Canadian lodge remains in good standing notwithstanding that he has been suspended in a foreign jurisdiction for non-payment of dues, Bro. Martin says that this ruling is "inexplicable except upon the theory that Canada permits dual membership." Canada **does** permit dual membership, and that accounts for the milk in the cocoanut. And, now we come to think of it, if there is such a thing as a landmark in Masonry, is not dual membership a landmark?

Lodges in Illinois 858; members 157,208, a gain for the year of 9,153.

Austin H. Scrogin, Lexington, Grand Master.

Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was opened at Indianapolis on the 28th of May, 1918. Elba L. Branigin Grand Master. We are left in some doubt as to years, for, while the record says this was the ninety-seventh annual meeting, we read on the same page that it was the "one hundred first year of the Grand Lodge," and

a speaker at preliminary exercises said "one hundred years have passed since the founding of the Grand Lodge of the Masons of Indiana."

In opening his address the Grand Master called attention to the fact that the United States was engaged in war, and he said:

Let us therefore enter upon the business of this convocation not merely to dispose of the regular routine of official duties, but to consider with open minds and warm hearts what Freemasonry can do for our beloved country and to translate our loyalty to the Star Spangled Banner into terms of definite service. Let us renew our pledge of fealty to our honoured President, the nation's chief executive, the general commanding all our forces on land and sea, the interpreter of democracy to all the peoples of the earth.

The Grand Master recommended that the per capita dues paid by constituent lodges be forty cents per member, instead of twenty-five cents as formerly. It will be noted that this is for the general expenses of Grand Lodge, and does not include payments for benevolence. The Grand Master said that the per capita tax would be "lower than in any grand jurisdiction in America." In this he was in error, for in this jurisdiction the per capita tax for the general expenses of Grand Lodge is only twenty cents per member, while the tax for benevolence is eighty cents per member.

In February last the Collector of Internal Revenue notified the Masonic bodies that, according to a ruling of the department at Washington, all Masonic lodges would be required to pay a tax on the initiation fees of candidates. This ruling was made on the ground that Masonic lodges were "social, athletic or sporting clubs," and specially excluding from its operations Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Knights of Columbus and other fraternal organizations. Judge Gavin, a Past Grand Master, was at once sent to Washington to protest against the ruling. He represented that the Masons of Indiana were willing to pay any tax or bear any burden equitably imposed upon fraternal societies and to pay their full share of the charge falling upon good citizens in the prosecution of the war; but they strongly protested against Masons

being singled out for taxation when other bodies were exempted. In the end the ruling was reversed. Somewhat painful reflections arise from the fact that within a few years rulings have been made that Masons might not place Masonic emblems on the tombstones of Mason soldiers buried in national cemeteries, while other bodies were granted the privilege; that Masons were forbidden to erect buildings of rest and recreation on or near military training camps in the United States, while other bodies, notably the Knights of Columbus, were granted that privilege; and that Masons were to be taxed on the initiation fees of their candidates, while other bodies were exempted. It is true that, after protest, the rulings were all withdrawn; but one cannot help wondering what kind of influences are operative where such rulings could be made.

At the preceding communication of Grand Lodge the Grand Master was requested to appoint a committee charged with the duty of preparing a form of ceremony for the reception of the United States flag in a lodge. The committee reported that it could not frame such a ritual without making "an innovation in the body of Masonry," and that they were pledged not to do. The Grand Master assented to that view, and added that the proposed ritual could not be practised with strict justice to Masons who were not citizens of the United States.

The Grand Master had attended several conferences of Grand Masters, mainly for the purpose of considering measures to assist in prosecuting the war and to care for disabled soldiers on their return from the war.

On report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence it was resolved:

That any member in good standing of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Indiana is hereby permitted to visit and hold Masonic intercourse with any lodge or member of a lodge operating under the Grand Lodge of the country in which said lodge is located.

Conversely: All members of foreign lodges are accorded the same privilege of visiting and holding Masonic intercourse with any lodge or member of a lodge in Indiana.

This permission will be in force during the period of the war or until such time as the Grand Lodge may be officially recognized.

M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay presented his fifth annual review of the proceedings of sister bodies with his accustomed ability and fullness. Of R. W. Bro. Ponton's last report on the Condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction Bro. Gay says that it was "full of good things," which he would like to publish if he had the space.

Lodges in Indiana 562; members 82,568, a gain for the year of 4,721.

Thomas B. Bohon, Jeffersonville, Grand Master.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The seventy-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was opened at Waterloo June 12th, 1917. Thomas Arthur Grand Master.

Before the formal opening there was a public meeting, at which the flags of the United States, of Great Britain and of France were presented, each by a young lady dressed in the uniform of a nurse of the Red Cross. They were received on behalf of Grand Lodge by Past Grand Master Louis Block, and for each he had appropriate and eloquent words of welcome. Bro. Block, himself a German, pointed to the absence from the group of the German flag, and said:

There is one curious thing about the colours of these flags which I am not sure that you have noticed. It is by mere chance that it happens that the colours of all the flags of freedom are red, white and blue, while those of the banner of Prussian despotism are red, white and *black*. Was it a matter of mere accident that this dark streak and sinister stripe appears in this flag which now stands for the outlaw among the nations? Is not this dark stripe symbolical of the darkness of the mind, the military madness that holds a great people in bonds and is fast driving it on to ruin? Surely the black must be a symbol of the madness of militarism.

Bro. Nathan Schofield, the oldest Iowa-made Mason, was presented to the Grand Master. He had been a Mason for sixty-three years.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge the Grand Master at once delivered his address. He congratulated the brethren upon the fact that harmony reigned throughout the jurisdiction; that there had been a highly satisfactory increase in the membership; and that the finances were in good shape. He announced that about \$16,000 would be added to the grand charity fund.

He had written to the President of the United States that the government had the loyal and patriotic support of the 54,000 Masons of Iowa in the prosecution of the war.

During the year four lodges had been constituted, and one dispensation had been issued for the formation of a new lodge.

In view of the approaching seventy-fifth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge he appointed a committee to make arrangements for a proper celebration of the event.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. W. Bro. Ralph Wheeler, Grand Master of Masons in Illinois.

A special committee on farm labour assistance reported in favour of giving farmers all possible assistance in cultivating and caring for their crops, and the report was approved by Grand Lodge.

The very full and able report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. Louis Block. Of the war Bro. Block said:

At the close of the Franco-Prussian war, the German government, carried away with the intoxication of its success over the French armies, began to build slowly but surely for itself and for its people the steel and stony idol of militarism. Realizing what they had gained by the power of the sword, they came to think that the sword was supreme. The worship of the soldier penetrated to the heart of the family circle. The German people had the theory and the doctrine of blind, unquestioning obedience pounded into them. They were borne to the ground with a burden of taxation to boost the soldier. And finally there

was built up in the land such a magnificent and terrible war machine that it was called upon to give an excuse for its existence, and then the war broke out.

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We cannot look upon the German as a mentally sound villain who in cold blood makes a malicious attack upon us, but only as a poor, misguided lunatic, whose madness alone makes him a menace, and who because of his madness must be seized and held until he regains his right mind and becomes harmless. We go into this war not with a hatred for the German—for there must never be any American "Hymn of Hate"—but with a sense of the terrible pity that his madness should have made it necessary for us to make war upon him at all.

Lodges in Iowa 530, including one under dispensation; members 56,592, a gain for the year of 2,623.

John W. Barry, Cedar Rapids, Grand Master.

Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The sixty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was opened at Topeka February 20th, 1918. Charles E. Lobdell Grand Master.

The Grand Master, however, was too ill to perform the opening ceremony, and he called upon the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William I. Stuart, to officiate.

When Bro. Lobdell was elected Grand Master in 1917, he accepted the office with reluctance, because he had been appointed to an important office which necessitated his absence from the state for long periods. The work of the office fell, for the most part, upon Bro. Stuart, who appears to have given much satisfaction to the craft throughout the state.

The address of the Grand Master was short and formal, that of the Deputy Grand Master dealt with the business of the year.

No less than three Past Grand Masters died during the year; they were Bestor Gaston Brown,

Grand Master in 1903; J. Jay Buck, Grand Master in 1917; and Charles Henry Chandler, Grand Master in 1914.

Of the war Bro. Lobdell said:

We know not at what sacrifice of blood and treasure; we know not on what field or by what strategy; but as God reigns, we do know that William of Germany must fail, because for his ideas of government to triumph would mean the defeat of infinite justice, which is God himself. And it would seem especially in keeping with our traditions if the final thrust which shall strike military despotism from the government of men should be administered by American soldiers bearing the Stars and Stripes on the banks of the Rhine.

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When our young men are offering their lives and all that young life holds dear, the man is a coward and a slacker that will not put his last dollar behind the boys in the ranks. This is a war of resources as well as of men, and unless our united resources are ungrudgingly cast into the balance the struggle cannot be won, and the sooner we wake to this realization the sooner it will be over.

Bro. Stuart reported that four lodges had been consecrated during the year, and a dispensation granted for the formation of one new lodge.

He had declined to sanction the formation of a military lodge.

An effort was made during the year to raise \$160,000 from the lodges in the state for the purpose of rebuilding the Masonic home at Wichita. The objective was not quite reached; but the very handsome sum of \$141,000 was remitted to the Grand Treasurer. When it is remembered that the Masons of Kansas number only 48,000 it will be seen that the contributions were very liberal. There is no reasonable doubt that the whole sum needed will be subscribed.

The Grand Secretary presented a table showing the percentage of Masons in the several states of the union in proportion to the adult white male population. According to the table the District of Columbia stands first, with 10,171 Masons to 70,140 white male inhabitants over twenty-one years of age. Utah is lowest on the list. Mormonism, like some

other institutions, is not friendly to a society which teaches the dignity of individual manhood and independence.

The Committee on Correspondence had before it a request for recognition of a "body that styles itself the Grand Lodge of Panama"; but was not in possession of satisfactory evidence on which to prepare a report, and consideration of the request was deferred till the next annual communication.

M. W. Bro. Matthew M. Miller presented the review of sister jurisdictions, which gives evidence of his accustomed ability and industry. He estimated that there were about 18,000 Masonic lodges in the world, having more than 2,000,000 members. The list is necessarily imperfect, because some Grand bodies do not publish statistics. In his concluding remarks he said:

The year just completed has been a strenuous one for Freemasonry in every part of the world. It has demanded more of sympathy, sacrifice and service than any year known to the members of the craft now living, or any previous year known to the craft by its history or traditions. All the great calls upon the sympathies and benevolences of the nations of the world fade into insignificance when compared to the requirements for help in the general war in which the world has been engaged for over three years past. The demands of distressed humanity have been of nation, continent and world-wide scope; and humanity, forgetting creed, colour, race, in fact, every barrier to her benefactions, has heard the call and responded generously and lavishly thereto, causing a renewal of our faith that God reigns, and all is well with his world.

Lodges in Kansas 418; members 48,157, a gain for the year of 2,473.

William I. Stuart, Hiawatha, Grand Master.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The one hundred and seventeenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was opened at Louisville October 16th, 1917. James M. Saunders Grand Master. Twenty-two Past Grand Masters were present at the opening.

A flag of the United States was presented to Grand Lodge. It was received by the Grand Master with appropriate remarks and was saluted with grand honours.

Kentucky lost three Past Grand Masters during the year: W. H. Meffert, who was Grand Master in 1881; James W. Hopper, Grand Master in 1886; and Howard Royal French, Grand Master in 1883.

Grand Master Saunders considered at some length the principle which should govern Masonic visitation in foreign jurisdictions. A Mason, he said, may lawfully visit a just and lawfully constituted lodge in a foreign jurisdiction, provided there is no edict of non-intercourse between the Grand Lodge to which he owes allegiance and that in whose jurisdiction he proposes to visit. We are unable to accept that view of the matter, and hold that a Mason may properly visit only those lodges whose regularity is vouched for by the Grand Lodge to which he owes allegiance; also that a Master of a lodge in Kentucky ought to admit to his lodge only Masons hailing from jurisdictions vouched for by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. For example, we have not seen that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has declared non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. Would Brother Saunders feel free to visit a lodge under that jurisdiction?

Of the great war the Grand Master said:

We meet today in the security of personal safety, but with an armed soldiery about us on every side. Our country is at war, not at war for the extension of territory, nor for the enrichment of our money chest, but at war for the help of freemen oppressed, for the rescue of civilization from the clutch of barbarism, for the establishment of the right of mankind "to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," as written into the laws of our land and stamped upon the hearts of our people.

He recommended a grant of \$2,000 to the American Red Cross Society.

He found conditions at the Orphans' Home not at all to his liking. The regulations were so onerous that not infrequently a boy "with stout red blood in his veins" breaks out and "makes a

run for freedom." He held that boys must not be treated as prisoners. "The child," he said, "must have child life, and we are not giving it. We have failed to sense the first requisite in child training." He added:

God's plan is the home life. Wherever careful and proper investigation shows the mother's home is a suitable place for the child who meets the requirements for admission to the Masonic home, the per capita expense of its maintenance and education in our home should be paid the mother and the child left with her under proper official supervision by the superintendent of the Masonic home. To rob the child of a suitable mother's love and guidance, to close its ear to her whispered prayer, to remove its cheek from her loving caress, and call that ravishment Masonic charity, is bitter, heartless travesty.

All of which strengthens our belief that the Canadian plan of dispensing Masonic benevolence is better than the Masonic home plan.

Bro. Saunders said the provision of the Constitution requiring the proceedings of Grand Lodge to be read in constituent lodges was a dead letter and ought to be repealed. "A continued violation of a part of the law," he said, "breeds contempt for the whole."

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of two regular lodges and for one army lodge.

The very excellent report on Proceedings of Grand Lodges was presented by M. W. Bro. William Clarke, Chairman of the Committee.

Of the treaty by which the Grand Lodge of Panama professed to cede to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts exclusive Masonic rights within the Canal Zone, Bro. Clarke said:

We are aware of the fact that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had chartered a lodge or lodges within the Canal Zone, but inasmuch as the Canal Zone is not a part of the State of Massachusetts, and inasmuch as Masonry does not recognize "squatter sovereignty," that fact would not, it appears, give that Grand Lodge priority of rights in that territory. And, further, inasmuch as the Republic of Panama had, previous to the treaty, ceded to the United States political control over the Canal Zone, what authority of any kind, political or Masonic, or any other, had it remaining which it could legally cede to any government, political or Masonic? Plainly, it appears to us that the act of cession on the part of the Grand Lodge of Panama to

the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was *ultra vires*, and that, the treaty to the contrary notwithstanding, the Canal Zone is open Masonic territory.

That looks like plain practical common sense.

Referring to the subject of landmarks, Bro. Clarke asks:

May it not be that Brother Freed has been misled by the words "Ancient Landmarks?" May it not be that those words, as used as above, were used in a different sense, with a different application, from their technical Masonic meaning? Again, what were the "Masonic rights and privileges" against the encroachment on which the Landmarks were to protect these old lodges?

What we have been trying for years to say is that the term "ancient landmarks" was used by Anderson in one sense, and that a totally different meaning has been given to it in modern times. Without a reasonable doubt, Anderson had in mind the scriptural injunction (Deut. xix., 14) "Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set up in thine inheritance," and (Proverbs xxii., 28) "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." Our contention has been that, in stipulating for the preservation of the old landmarks, Anderson merely provided that the independence of the four old lodges, which did not accept warrants from Grand Lodge, should be respected. A century and a half later, Mackey evolved from his internal consciousness the modern view, which is that the ancient landmarks are the ancient usages and customs of the craft. It is manifest that many of his landmarks had no existence in ancient craft masonry, and that he put into his list not what he found but what he thought he ought to have found. For example, he makes a Grand Master elected by the members of Grand Lodge a landmark, and a system of three degrees a landmark, when the merest tyro in Masonry knows that there was no Grand Master before 1717 and no system of three degrees before 1721.

Lodges in Kentucky 590; members 46,046, a gain for the year of 1,666.

Earl W. Weathers, Elkton, Grand Master.

Dave Jackson, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The one hundred and seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was opened at New Orleans February 4th, 1918. John W. Armstrong Grand Master.

When the roll of members was called the death was announced of Past Grand Master Charles F. Buck, who was Grand Master from 1887 to 1893. and who died on the 19th of January, 1918.

The Grand Master reported that Masonry was prospering in Louisiana, and that the Masons throughout the state were living in their daily lives the beautiful tenets and precepts of the order.

He had asked secretaries of lodges to keep a correct list of brethren who had gone to the war, and had issued to the lodges "war service cards" so that the registrations might be full and uniform. He said:

In this time of trouble it behooves our elder brethren to return again to their active duties in the lodge, and by their exertions keep the order alive and provide for the wants of the families of the younger brethren now absent in the service of their country.

Two lodges had been constituted during the year, and dispensations were granted for the formation of four new lodges.

He had issued a circular to the brethren warning them to disregard all chain letters. Another called upon Masons to exercise all the power at their command to assist the effort to raise funds for the Red Cross. And others urged the need of the country for money, and asked the brethren to subscribe for Liberty bonds, and also to conserve food as much as possible. In response to his appeals lodges throughout the state had taken Liberty bonds to the extent of \$22,400, and had given \$1,660 to the funds of the Red Cross.

It is satisfactory to note that Bro Armstrong has the correct idea of what has been called the "right of visitation." In fact, there is no such right: visitation is a privilege, seldom denied; but

the Master of every lodge has power to decline to receive any intending visitor who may be objectionable to any member of his lodge. "The right of visitation is a courtesy extended to the visitor by the Master of the lodge," says Bro. Armstrong. And again: "A Mason has not the inherent right of visitation (so-called). This is a courtesy extended to the visitor by the Worshipful Master of the lodge."

Asked if a man who had been convicted of a felony and served a term in the penitentiary might have a petition for membership put before a lodge, the Grand Master said: "One who has been convicted of a felony and served a term in a penitentiary is not of good report, and no lodge in this jurisdiction has a right to receive such a profane's petition."

The brief but good report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Herman C. Duncan. Bro. Duncan saw objections to recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama while lodges of Massachusetts were permitted there, and he proposed a change in the edict of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana so that recognition might be given in the future. He said: "It is proper to add that there are eight lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of Panama, and these are the only lodges in the Republic of Panama with the exception of those of Massachusetts." Our brother has fallen into an error: there are two lodges in Panama under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Lodges in Louisiana 232; members 19,387, a gain for the year of 1,073.

George A. Treadwell, New Orleans, Grand Master.

John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The ninety-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was opened at Portland May 1st 1917. Waldo Pettengill Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master said the year had been one of peace and growth. The membership of all the lodges was 31,855, showing a gain of 527.

Lamenting the suffering and destruction caused by the European war, Bro. Pettengill said: "May the conflict be brought to a close speedily; may freedom, justice and liberty for all people prevail, and all governments have as their foundation Divine law, and love in place of so-called Divine right. He added:

Our nation has taken the stand to assist in bringing about this happy conclusion, and we all as loyal citizens of our country, and in accordance with the solemn obligations taken at our altars, are bound by duty and manhood to use our best energies, physical, material and mental, to assist in every possible way our President and his advisers in this day of national trial; and may God bless our efforts.

He called attention to the fact that Bro. Stephen Berry, the Grand Secretary, had for more than 60 years served the craft as recording officer, which he thought to be the longest period of service in Masonic history. At a later period Bro. Berry was made secretary emeritus for life, and it was resolved to continue his salary. A fine steel engraving of Bro. Berry adorns the volume of proceedings.

The Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity reported that schools of instruction had so often and so well demonstrated their usefulness that they ought to be continued. "It is," said the report, "the duty of every District Deputy Grand Master to attend at least one of these schools that he may be able to perform his duties in the most efficient manner."

A committee was appointed to consider the appropriate celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase presented an excellent report on Correspondence. Bro. Chase's reports are always good. Under Canada he said that "twelve lodge rooms were consecrated and dedicated." Pardon, Bro. Chase: in this jurisdic-

tion Masonic lodges are consecrated to God: lodge rooms are dedicated to the service of Masonry.

He says: "Maine does not ballot upon candidates for advancement." That is right. Thorough investigation into a man's character should be made before his petition goes to the ballot, and after he is accepted and his money paid, he ought to receive full membership. If he is stopped after his initiation he feels, and he has a right to feel, that injustice is done; and Masonry should not put itself in the position of taking a man's money and then refusing to deliver the goods for which the money has been paid.

Lodges in Maine 207; members 31,855, a gain for the year of 527.

Waldo Pettingill, Rumford, Grand Master.

Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA.

The forty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was opened at Winnipeg June 13th, 1917. Henry E. Bletcher Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master naturally turned his thought to the European war and he called upon the brethren to bear in mind their responsibility to their Masonic posterity in dealing with matters which come before them. He said:

Since the last communication of Grand Lodge we have lost by reason of the war fifty-one brethren, who have vindicated the principles of Masonry by giving their lives. To those who mourn for these dear brethren we extend our arms in sympathy and assistance, the circle of our Masonic duties encloses them, and the living brethren will not forget the debt they owe to their dead comrades. With the brethren, and they are many, who mourn the loss of sons and brothers, we mourn, and grieve that we cannot lighten their sorrow. For all, whether of the craft or not, who have given their lives for the advancement of our ideals of mercy and justice, we pray they may receive the reward of the righteous. No words can do justice to these men, no words can express what we owe them.

The Board of General Purposes reported that a Committee on Masonic Research had been formed and had begun its labours.

The Board also passed a resolution condemning the use of Masonic emblems other than those authorized by a regularly constituted lodge of Masons.

R. W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, the Deputy Grand Master (and the present Grand Master) presented a very excellent report on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, dealing with topics and neglecting the routine doings of sister Grand Lodges.

The report recommended recognition of the Grand Orient of Italy; but Grand Lodge decided to defer recognition till further investigation could be made. A request for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama was also deferred.

The Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Thomas G. Bethell, delivered an eloquent and highly interesting address on the religious significance of Masonic symbolism; but, unfortunately, the printer so mutilated it in the "make-up" that few will be able to read it.

Grand Lodge approved the recommendation of the Grand Master to make an immediate appeal to all the brethren in the jurisdiction to increase the fund for aged and indigent Masons to \$100,000.

Lodges in Manitoba 78; members 7,393, a gain for the year of 152.

Percy E. Kellett, Winnipeg, Grand Master.

James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was held at Baltimore May 8th, 1917. Thomas J. Shryock Grand Master.

A grant of \$1,500 was made to a "Baltimore fund" for the relief of dependents of soldiers and sailors who enlist in the present war. The money is to be paid in three annual installments of \$500 each.

The one hundred and thirty-first annual communication was held at Baltimore November 20th, 1917. Thomas J. Shryock Grand Master.

Among the distinguished visitors was Brigadier General James D. McLachlan, of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, military attache of the British embassy at Washington, who was received with honours.

The Grand Master presented to Grand Lodge a bronze bust of George Washington, which had for many years been the property of his family. The bust wears Masonic clothing.

General Shryock was for the thirty-third time elected Grand Master of Masons in Maryland.

There was no formal address by the Grand Master.

The report on Correspondence was by R. W. Bro. Henry Branch, chairman of the committee. Writing of the Canadian proceedings, Bro. Branch said:

The great feature of the proceedings is reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters covering over two hundred pages, and they make a panorama that is intensely interesting and valuable

Of R. W. Bro. Ponton's report to the Grand Lodge of Canada Bro. Branch said:

The "Condition of Masonry" is set forth in a distinct and remarkable report, with specific illustrations from the Bible, one of which is quoted in the terms of the report:

"They helped every one his neighbour and every one said to his brother 'Be of good courage; it is ready for the soldering.'"

A singular omission of this passage: After the word courage supply:

"So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying: It is ready for the soldering, and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved."

I thought at first it was a pun, soldering for soldiering.

Bro. Ponton appears to have been loosely using separated passages from the Prophet Isaiah, without literal exactness of quotation. But there are typographical errors in them. We suspect that the whole of the verse quoted by Bro. Branch refers to ironwork, and that the word rendered soldering should be welding or joining. For "he fastened it with nails (or rivets) that it should not be moved."

Lodges in Maryland 116; members 18,552, a gain for the year of 752.

On the 3rd of February, 1918, General Thomas J. Shryock was translated hence and entered into his rest. For almost a third of a century he had been Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. He was prominent in all good works and a tower of strength to his brethren. They may well ask of each other, "Where shall we find one like him whom we have lost?"

George Cook, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at Boston March 8th, 1916. Melvin M. Johnson Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master was severe upon the chain letters sent out from Ohio professing to ask money for the endowment of a McKinley memorial. He said: "The proper place for chain letters and all other unapproved circular appeals for Masonic aid is the waste basket."

A document of interest to Canadian Masons had been recently presented to Grand Lodge. It is a diploma granted to one Benjamin Frothingham by Lodge No. 3, held in His Majesty's Royal Artillery at Louisburg, Nova Scotia. Bro. Frothingham was a Massachusetts man, and was prominent in the affairs of the Grand Lodge after the revolution. At the time the diploma was given to him he was in the King's military service at Louisburg. The document was issued in 1760, two years after the final capture of Louisburg by the British forces.

District Grand Masters had been appointed for the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in China, and also in Chile.

A quarterly communication was held at Boston June 14th, 1916. Melvin M. Johnson Grand Master. A large part of the Grand Master's address was devoted to very interesting sketches of early Grand Masters of the jurisdiction.

Recognition was given to the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

A quarterly communication was held at Boston September 13th, 1916. Melvin M. Johnson Grand Master. The main feature of the meeting was the presentation of a report on the early history of Masonry in America, the intent being to show that Henry Price of Massachusetts was "the founder of duly constituted Masonry in America."

A quarterly communication was held at Boston December 13th, 1916. Melvin M. Johnson Grand Master. Several very interesting questions were considered at this communication; but the space at our disposal does not suffice for even a summary of them. Among the matters so discussed was the question whether a Mason who was a member of the order of the Eastern Star might disclose to the latter particulars as to the standing of a Mason in his craft lodge.

The annual communication, "for the purpose of installing the grand officers and celebrating the feast of St. John the Evangelist," was held December 27th, 1916. Melvin M. Johnson Grand Master.

A petition was received from the Grand Lodge of Panama for recognition. Previous to the revolution by which Panama seceded from Colombia, the Masonry of the present republic was, of course, derived from Colombia. After the revolution all the lodges appear to have closed their doors, and afterwards the brethren applied to the Supreme Council of Venezuela for new warrants. Six new lodges were so constituted and one was afterwards constituted by the Supreme Council of Colombia. In 1913 the Panama lodges, with the approval and assistance of Venezuela, established a Supreme Council and a Grand Lodge.

The petition for recognition by Massachusetts was referred to a committee; but before that committee had reported M. W. Bro. Johnson went to Panama, and while there he negotiated a treaty with the governing body in the new republic by which the Grand Lodge of Panama granted to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in perpetuity exclu-

sive Masonic jurisdiction and control of symbolic Freemasonry within that portion of the republic known as the Canal Zone; and Massachusetts recognized the Grand Lodge of Panama as a sovereign Grand Lodge having full and final jurisdiction over craft Masonry throughout the Republic of Panama except the Canal Zone. But a resident of the Canal Zone may be accepted by a Panama lodge outside the Canal Zone, and a resident of Panama outside the Canal Zone may be accepted by a Massachusetts lodge within the Canal Zone.

We shall not now consider the question of the legitimacy of the lodges in Panama; whether a Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite has power to create craft lodges; or whether bodies created by a Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite can by resolution declare themselves to be regular craft Masons. These questions have been raised: see review of Illinois Proceedings.

The strong objection to the treaty under consideration, however, is that every Grand Lodge should be supreme within the territory for which it is formed, and cannot divest itself of any part of its sovereignty in favour of any particular Grand Lodge. If the Grand Lodge of Panama is a legitimate grand body, it must have exclusive jurisdiction within and throughout the Republic of Panama. If it were possible to divest itself of sovereignty over the Canal Zone, it could not convey that territory to another Grand Lodge. If the Canal Zone is not part of the Republic of Panama, then the Grand Lodge of Panama never had jurisdiction within it, since the Grand Lodge of Panama was formed after the Canal Zone had come under the quasi control of the United States. If the Canal Zone is not part of the Masonic territory of the Grand Lodge of Panama, then it is open territory, and any Grand Lodge in existence may form lodges there. In fact, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has formed two lodges there, and it is not asserted that they are irregular. And the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts maintains fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The treaty is not according to Masonic practice, nor good in Masonic law.

During the year a number of Masonic lectures were delivered in the temple at Boston by Bros. Roscoe Pound and R. Perry Bush. These are very interesting and of great value. The Grand Master was undoubtedly correct when he said that they "will attract the attention of the Masonic world, not only now but for generations to come."

Lodges in Massachusetts 269; members 72,499, a gain for the year of 2,337.

Leon M. Abbott, Brookline, Grand Master.

Frederick W. Hamilton, Cambridge, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The seventy-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was opened at Lansing May 22nd, 1917. John H. Hawks Grand Master.

There was an address of welcome by the Mayor of the city, to which the Deputy Grand Master made suitable response. There were also addresses by Bro. Albert E. Sleeper, the Governor of the State of Michigan, M. W. Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Illinois, and M. W. Bro. Oliver L. Spaulding, the oldest Past Grand Master of Michigan, who occupied the Grand East in 1881. Among other good things Bro. Spaulding said:

It is not all of Masonry to work in a lodge. Indeed, that is a very little part of it. It is to be lived outside. It is not enough to go to a lodge and work at Masonry during the evening; it means that you should go out and work all the time outside of the lodge. The Masonic garments are not to be put on in the lodge and then folded away until you come to lodge again. There are many worthy men who are exemplifying Masonry every day in their lives who would find it difficult to spell their way into a lodge.

The Grand Master reported the names of Past Grand Masters Lucian E. Wood (1900), Abraham T. Metcalf (1869-70), and James H. Farnum (1885) among the distinguished dead of the jurisdiction.

Three lodges, were constituted and consecrated during the year.

Bro. Hawks strongly advised brethren throughout the jurisdiction to pay no attention to chain letters. He said:

The one calling upon Masons to contribute 10c. for a McKinley monument is still being circulated, notwithstanding the fact that the monument was completed and paid for years ago. A "Masonic Prayer" chain letter is now being widely circulated. I believe when prayer is offered to the Deity it should come from the heart rather than from suggestion that some calamity is about to befall you. According to a recent ruling by the Solicitor for the Post Officer Department at Washington, D.C., all chain letter schemes have been declared illegal.

He had deemed it wise to waive fees for special dispensations issued to candidates who had enlisted in the service of the United States.

Referring to the war he said:

The local lodges and the Grand Lodge must not be guilty of indifference to duty in this grave situation. We must not confine our efforts to flattering sentiments, flag raising and hearty good-byes. Rather should we prepare to render financial and other forms of substantial assistance that our loyal Masonic sons may know that back home the order will be active and alive in every possible avenue of service to them and their dependents.

The Grand Lecturer reported that during the year 144 lodges of instruction had been held, that these had been attended by 374 Masters of lodges, and that the total attendance of brethren had been 22,621.

A special session of Grand Lodge was held in the evening of the first day of the communication to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, when addresses were delivered by R. W. Bro. Louis H. Fead, Deputy Grand Master, the present Grand Master, and Bro. E. C. Holmes, the latter of whom considered "The Present and Future of Masonry." Bro. Fead's address was for the most part historical.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence a Grand Lodge by-law was adopted to the effect that each lodge in the jurisdiction shall, while the lodge is at work, have the flag of the United States displayed.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to telegraph the President of the United States as follows:

To His Excellency Woodrow Wilson, President of the U.S.A.

The representatives of 90,000 Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan in Grand Lodge assembled, pledge the loyal support of the order to you in this period of preparation for the mighty struggle now facing the nation.

As usual the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence; as usual it was a good report and contained no personal views of the reporter. Bro. Winsor tells us that the report was his fourteenth, and for thirty-five consecutive years he had not missed a meeting of Grand Lodge.

Lodges in Michigan 439, including one under dispensation; members 86,993, a gain for the year of 4,442.

Louis H. Fead, Newberry, Grand Master.

Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The sixty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was opened at St. Paul January 16th, 1918. Albert Berg Grand Master.

The Grand Master announced that Bro. Irving Todd had been in attendance at Grand Lodge for forty-two consecutive years, and M. W. Bro. Henry R. Denny for forty consecutive years, and he invited both brethren to seats in the east.

A circular had been issued warning brethren throughout the jurisdiction to pay no attention to chain letters asking for contributions to the Mc Kinley monument nor to a so-called "Masonic prayer" humbug.

Dispensations had been issued for the formation of two lodges; and four lodges had been constituted and consecrated.

A special effort had been made during the year to augment the fund for a Masonic home, and more than \$100,000 was in hand, while other sums were subscribed. The Grand Master said:

The Masons of Minnesota have at last (after eleven years) passed the first mile post in their campaign for a home. Now we must take a fresh start and make our fund at least a quarter of a million dollars. With the greatest war in history on hand, and many of our brethren actively in uniform for the war, the Masons of Minnesota must realize that we shall now need a home more than has ever been dreamed of before.

He had been importuned to grant dispensations for the formation of military lodges, but he had refused to issue them.

A resolution was introduced to approve the formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge for the United States; but, on report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, it was not adopted. The Committee on Ancient Landmarks reported that:

Inasmuch as nearly all the Grand Masters appealed to for such dispensation have declined to grant the request and further because an honoured and exceedingly able P. G. M. of this jurisdiction has in a very able argument on this matter established what might be termed a precedent, your committee approve the stand taken by the Grand Master and recommend that this Grand Lodge go on record in support of his position as safe, sound and sane Masonic practice.

Bro. Irving Todd presented a brief but good report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Masonic Veteran Association reported the death of Bro. Henry Slade Goff, who was prominent in the educational work of the state. We do not, as a rule, borrow much of the so-called poetry which finds its way into Masonic proceedings; but may be pardoned for quoting some lines written by Bro. Goff:

I seen a feller in town one day,
 An' he was a furriner, bent and gray.
 An' I sez, sez I to myself, sez I,
 I wonder just how I would feel if I
 Was the other feller a journeyin' by.

Fer I knew that he hadn't a thing to say
 Regarding his place of nativity,
 Or on this or the other side of the sea,
 Or a comin' into the world at all.
 An' I felt like giving the feller a call,
 An' a sayin' to him that if I could be he
 It might be perhaps an improvement on me.

I seen a feller a workin' his trade,
 An' his face was as black as the ace of spades.
 An' I sez, sez I to myself, sez I,

He is in the world an' a journeyin' by,
An' he speaks of himself jest as I does, as I.

An' I knew that his color was made as 'twas made,
An' he hadn't no choice as to colour of skin,
Or of birth place or race or the hue of his kin,
Or a comin' into the world at all.
An' I felt like givin' the feller a call,
An' a sayin' Hello! an' a cheer word or two,
To help him along on the journey through.

I seen a feller of darkish tan,
An' he was a regular Mussulman man.
An' I sez, sez I to myself, sez I,
If I was that feller an' he was I,
I'd be carrying his religion by.

Fer I knew that a fellow learns jest as he can
An' he hadn't no choice of persuasion to be
Instilled into him at his mother's knee,
Or a comin' into the world at all.
An' I felt like givin' the feller a call,
An' a sayin' to him, I likes this song—
We are brothers all as we journey along.

Lodges in Minnesota 268; members 35,377, a
gain for the year of 1,535.

William N. Kendrick, Spring Valley, Grand
Master.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The one hundredth annual communication of
the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was opened at
Natchez February 19th, 1918. G. Frederic Cullens
Grand Master.

Before the formal opening there was a special
service in the Presbyterian church to commemorate
the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1818. In
addition to the religious exercises there was an
excellent address by M. W. Bro. W. A. Roane.
We learn that three lodges only constituted the
original Grand Lodge, and that just twenty brethren
were present at the convention. The lodges
then in existence received their warrants from
Tennessee and Kentucky.

The Grand Master was pleased with the con-
dition of Masonry in the jurisdiction. Four new
lodges had been constituted during the year; and,
though the new increase in membership was not

great, owing mainly to war conditions, the outlook was satisfactory. The Grand Lecturer had been active in instructing officers of lodges in their work; and schools of instruction had been held in various parts of the state. If, said the Grand Master, officers of lodges were not proficient in the work it was not the fault of the instructors, who were most zealous and active.

A saddening feature of the situation is that no less than five charters were arrested during the year "for Masonic irregularities." In another case the Master of a lodge was suspended.

Bro. Cullens was eloquent in praise of the Masonic home, and said: "We have in this home as fine a bunch of boys and girls as you will find anywhere, and they are making a record for themselves of which none of us will be ashamed."

A collection of one hundred dollars was taken up for the benefit of the Protestant orphan asylum at Natchez.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Master to grant dispensations for the formation of army lodges, such lodges to admit only members of Mississippi lodges; their organization to terminate with the war; and they are not to receive petitions for initiation or advancement, though requests from regular lodges for the advancement of members already accepted may be dealt with.

The volume of proceedings is illustrated with portraits of nearly all the Past Grand Masters of Mississippi from the organization of the Grand Lodge in 1818—in fact, all which were to be obtained.

A good though brief report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. Henry C. Yawn. Under Canada, Bro. Yawn said: "The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand, general fund, of \$5,452.70." That was undoubtedly the balance of cash in bank belonging to the fund; but the general fund, including investments, amounted to \$114,957.87, and the semi-centennial

fund to \$103,288.68; so that the assets of Grand Lodge in 1917 amounted to \$214,246.

In his concluding remarks Bro. Yawn said:

There is a growing disposition to get away from the stringent physical qualifications of candidates for Masonry; the idea being that it is the internal qualifications and not the external, which furnish the best test of material. Several of the grand jurisdictions still hold to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, Mississippi being one of these, but this doctrine is being condemned by a great many of the grand jurisdictions, and several of them are relinquishing this doctrine.

Lodges in Mississippi 372; members 20775, a gain for the year of 308.

W. Laurence Wilson, Laurel, Grand Master.

Frederic Gordon Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The ninety-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri was opened at St. Louis September 18th, 1917. Edward Higbee Grand Master.

A telegraphic message was sent to the President of the United States as follows:

The Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Free Masons of the State of Missouri assembled in its ninety-seventh annual session, with its 70,000 members pledges to you its loyal support, and prays that when peace comes it will come with righteousness, the triumph of democracy in the world, and that the doctrine of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man may become universal.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. W. Bro. Ralph Wheeler, Grand Master and Bro. Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary, both of Illinois.

In opening his address the Grand Master called attention to the fact that at the communication of 1916 the Grand Lodge congratulated itself upon being kept out of the world war; but he said:

Brethren, we now know we were deluding ourselves. It was plain then to many, as it is now to all, that the sinking of the Lusitania was a deliberate act of war against civilization and that we would certainly be drawn into conflict with an enemy amenable to no other argument than force. Germany is writing the blackest page in the history of civilization.

Bro. Higbee put himself on record as favouring military lodges; but we do not learn that he granted any dispensations for the formation of such lodges.

He reported the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Campbell Wells, who was Grand Master in 1900.

He ruled that, in cases where an investigating committee reports against a candidate, a ballot must still be taken. In this jurisdiction if the committee's report is unfavourable the petitioner is considered a rejected candidate.

Respecting the chain letter prayer nuisance he said:

Jesus taught his disciples how to pray. That prayer breathes faith and confidence in the Father's love and submission to His will. In my opinion this prayer chain letter savours of rank superstition and should meet with the condemnation of all intelligent people.

Eight lodges were constituted and consecrated during the year.

Since 1912 the sum of \$124,824 has been paid by lodges and individuals on behalf of the Masonic Home Improvement Fund.

The Masonic Employment Bureau of St. Louis reported that during the year employment had been secured for 1,342 brethren. The expenses of the Bureau amounted to \$2,809, or \$2.09 for each position filled.

The evening of the second day of the communication was set apart for a celebration of the bi-centenary of modern Masonry. There were some excellent addresses; and an illuminated address to the Grand Lodge of England was approved.

The Committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges asked for further time to consider the application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama; and it declined to recommend recognition of the Grand Lodge of France.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. the Rev. C. C. Woods. It is ample in space and excellent in quality.

Lodges in Missouri 639; members 70,144, a gain for the year of 3,291.

William A. Clark, Jefferson City, Grand Master.

John R. Parson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

The sixtieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was opened at Omaha June 5th, 1917. Andrew H. Viele Grand Master.

Immediately after the formal opening the flag of the United States was brought into the room, suitably escorted, was received with music and applause and was displayed on the platform in the east.

A series of patriotic resolutions was adopted, of which the following are the most important:

With faith in the justice of our cause, with malice towards none, with charity for all, contending not only for the perpetuity of our free institutions, but for the liberty of all peoples and nations, we pledge to our President our unswerving loyalty, and our devotion to the cause in which we are now entering.

Resolved, that it is our patriotic duty to assist and contribute in every manner possible towards the success of this gigantic war, perhaps man's decisive war for liberty, possibly autocracy's last stand.

Resolved, that as Masons we will in every possible manner conserve our resources, practise economy, aid in financing the war, and with love of country in our hearts instill in our children love of home and country.

The Grand Master noted the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Zuingle M. Baird, who was Grand Master in 1906.

He announced that the trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home had purchased war loans to the amount of \$10,000.

Relations with other Grand Jurisdictions, he said, were pleasant and fraternal.

Three lodges had been constituted during the year.

He counseled his brethren to consider all chain letters as nuisances and to treat them as waste paper.

In concluding his address he said:

So, my brethren, let us not be dismayed. May God in his goodness and wisdom so guide us that the principles we teach and the influence we render will be such that their beauty and potency will be acknowledged by all mankind, that the madness of war will cease, that out of this bitterness and hatred, death and destruction, there will come a time of peace, love and fraternity.

Yet the black smoke of battle it will pass—
Sometime, sometime,—like vapour from a glass;
There will be rest for all the weary flags,
And rest for bugles on the battle crags;
Still there will be no rest for man's strong soul;
Before him shines an ever-flying goal;
Still must he seek for freedom evermore;
No halt for any soul on any shore;
Man is the conscript of an endless quest,
A long divine adventure without rest;
Each hard-earned freedom withers to a bond;
Freedom forever is beyond—beyond.

The Grand Custodian reported that 116 schools of instruction had been held during the year, and he strongly urged the holding of such a school in each lodge of the state.

M. W. Bro. Thomas Arthur, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, was introduced and received with grand honours.

M. W. Bro. John A. Ehrhardt submitted his second report on Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges in Nebraska 270; members 25,044, a gain for the year of 1,380.

Frederic L. Temple, Lexington, Grand Master.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

The fifty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was opened at Reno June 12th, 1917. Alfred W. Holmes Grand Master.

Immediately after the opening the flag of the United States was admitted and formally received

by the Grand Master and displayed in the Grand East.

Of the war the Grand Master said:

Our country, in keeping with the traditions of the fathers of the republic, in harmony with the principles upon which it was founded, and in defense of a true democracy that builds itself on liberty, has entered the mighty conflict now convulsing the world.

In consonance with Masonic teachings and in unison with our sister grand jurisdictions throughout the land I ask the Masons of Nevada in annual communication assembled to pledge their allegiance to the government and its flag, the stars and stripes and to the principles of right and justice for which they stand, representing "one country, indivisible, with liberty and justice to all."

I call upon you as men and Masons to stand on the side which shields the tempted, upholds the weak, lessens crime, protects the woman, feeds and clothes and educates the little children. There can be no other side for you, my brothers.

Bro. Holmes hoped, at the beginning of the year, to visit all the lodges in the state; but illness prevented him. He did, however, visit eighteen of the twenty-three. His observation elicited the following remarks:

From my visits to the different lodges, I am of the opinion that more time should be given to the study of the design and philosophy of Freemasonry. Occasional addresses by well informed brethren will best accomplish this. Not that I wish to imply that I do not approve of a close conformity to the ritual, but there is a broader and grander spirit in our institution than can be expressed in the mere formula of words. To keep step with the advance of civilization and brotherhood we must not forget that instruction of the noblest kind should attend a Mason's researches, and that in the diligent pursuit of knowledge, the intellectual faculties are employed in promoting the glory of God, and the good of man.

The Grand Secretary was severe in condemnation of the chain letters asking aid nominally for the completion of the McKinley monument, and of the "chain prayer fake." He said "nineteen seventeen has been the most prosperous year since nineteen twelve. This speaks well for the work of the craft in this jurisdiction."

Consideration of an application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama was deferred.

Bro. Vanderlieth, the Grand Secretary, again presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence. Bro. Vanderlieth's reports are punctuated by good remarks, such as the following:

The woof of the fraternity is friendship.

The blessings of life are derived from fellowship.

The clarion call is for our best constructive powers.

The individual Mason is Masonry's greatest influence.

The four-square Mason is one who keeps his promises.

Masonry's work, helpful service to others, is a question of personal consideration.

And so on through a hundred and fifty pages. It was probably a typographical error which caused the reviewer to speak of Ecclesiastes as "one of the three canonical books of holy scripture."

He asked how a man who had not demitted from his mother lodge in the United States could become a charter member of a lodge in Canada. To which we may say: simply because the Masonic law in this jurisdiction permits him to do so. Dual membership is permitted here. And, if there is such a thing as a Masonic landmark, dual membership is a landmark. It is as old as the Grand Lodge of England, and probably as old as Masonry.

Lodges in Nevada 23; members 2,032, a gain for the year of 150.

Thomas Lindsay, Tonopah, Grand Master.

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The fiftieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held at St. John April 24th, 1917. Hedley V. B. Bridges Grand Master.

This being the jubilee year of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master made some historical references of an interesting character. Before 1867, he said,

there were twenty-six lodges in the province. Twelve of them held warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, three from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and three from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. There was a diversity of ritual and there was lack of sympathy and co-operation between lodges of the different origins. In 1867 a meeting of Masters and Past Masters of lodges in St. John was held and resolved to send out a circular to all the lodges in the province, as a result of which a convention was held at St. John in October of the year named, when the representatives of twenty lodges unanimously declared themselves to be an independent Grand Lodge. Since that time, said Bro. Bridges, the craft has grown in numbers and wealth in greater proportion than the growth of the population and wealth of the province. It is interesting to note that Worshipful Bro. John V. Ellis was Grand Director of Ceremonies in the first Grand Lodge. Later he was foremost in Masonic circles, and enjoyed every honour that his brethren could bestow upon him, while he was a commanding figure in the political life of the province down to the day of his death.

It has been resolved to prepare a list of all New Brunswick Masons who have served their country in the field, and to have a permanent record displayed in the Masonic hall at St. John.

The benevolent fund of Grand Lodge is increasing year by year till it amounts to \$17,000.

In his concluding remarks Bro. Bridges had this interesting paragraph.

Over the plains and valleys of Syria and Mesopotamia have roamed for centuries the Bedouin of the desert, most untruthful of mankind. But when even he wished to impress upon his hearers that there was a grain of truth in his statements, his oath was, "By the English word, by the British faith, what I say unto you I swear is truth." Over these valleys today are the brave British soldiers sweeping unto victory, carrying truth and liberty, and justice, principles dear to every Mason's heart, there where over 2,400 years ago, by the willow-fringed rivers of Babylon wrote Esdras, "As for truth, it endureth and is ever strong, it liveth and conquereth for evermore."

An emergent communication of Grand Lodge was held at St. John on the 15th of May, 1917,

when the Grand Master elect was installed, and the other grand officers were invested.

A special communication was held on St. John's day, June 24th, 1917, when Divine service was held at Freemasons' Hall. An eloquent and instructive sermon was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, the Venerable Archdeacon Crowfoot.

Lodges in New Brunswick 40; members 3,806, an increase for the year of 30.

Daniel C. Clark, St. John, Grand Master.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The fifty-eighth semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held at Manchester December 27th, 1916. The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Abraham L. Garmon, was Acting Grand Master, owing to the death of M. W. Bro. Bales. The communication was held for the purpose of exemplifying the craft degrees, and was, in fact, a lodge of instruction. The three degrees were worked on actual candidates by the officers of three lodges. The attendance represented practically all the lodge officers of the state and all the members of the Grand Lodge.

Lodges of instruction were also held, at other dates, in three of the seven districts of the state. It is evident that our New Hampshire brethren are very earnest in their endeavours to learn the work.

The one hundred and twenty-eighth annual communication was held at Concord May 16th, 1917. Abraham L. Garmon, the Deputy Grand Master, was in the Grand East.

In his address Bro. Garmon paid fitting tribute to the memory of M. W. Bro. George Edward Bales the Grand Master, who died when about one half of his term of office had expired. M. W. Bro. Holman Arthur Drew, Past Grand Master, also died during the year. He was Grand Master in 1913. Also M. W. Bro. Henry Even Burnham, who was Grand Master in 1885.

A dispensation to a lodge to participate in a parade on Memorial Day had been refused, on the Ground that Masons "should not appear in public as such except for Masonic work." A dispensation to a lodge to confer a degree on Sunday was also refused.

Decision had been given that a brother who had sat with another in a Consistory of the Scottish Rite could not for that reason vouch for the latter as a Master Mason.

A Masonic roll of honour was recommended, to contain the names of all New Hampshire Masons enlisting for the war.

The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama was recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized.

M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented his eleventh report on Foreign Correspondence. In his introductory remarks he said:

It seems to be permitted the correspondence writers to say, annually, that there has never been such advance before, as in the year just gone. That is true this year, as it has been true for many years. There are spots here and there of which this may not be said, in all frankness, but taking a comprehensive view of the condition of the fraternity, as a whole, it is so. Our membership is larger; our finances are in better shape; our benevolences are increasing; our faith and hope have been heightened.

Of Grand Master Luke's address for 1916 he said: "We very much like this address: it is strong throughout, with a whole lot of heart in it."

Referring to the activities of Masons in this jurisdiction, Bro. Cheney said:

The figures that appeal to is the expenditure of \$36,070 for benevolences and the sending of \$46,717.82 for the relief of the Belgians. Just think of 441 lodges doing that in one year. The New Hampshire writer is mighty proud of this record which our Ontario brethren have made.

New Hampshire has eighty lodges, with 11,111 members, a gain of 53.

Abraham L. Garmon, Manchester, Grand Master.

Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The one hundred and thirtieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was opened at Trenton April 19th, 1917. William R. Meakle Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master noted the loss by death of two Past Grand Masters and the Grand Secretary. M. W. Bro. Joseph E. Moore was Grand Master in 1900-1901; M. W. Bro. Benjamin Franklin Wakefield in 1905; and R. W. Bro. Theodore Beekman Townley was Grand Secretary in 1915 and 1916.

Bro. Meakle had gratification in noting the largest increase in membership in the history of the craft in New Jersey; but this, he said, was not altogether an unmixed pleasure, for, if the quality of the material was allowed to deteriorate, mere numbers might prove a loss and not a gain. He had no reason to suspect any shortcoming in this respect, but he counselled his brethren carefully to inspect the material offering.

Three lodges had been constituted during the year, and dispensations had been granted for the formation of four new lodges.

The finances of the Masonic home, the Grand Master said, had become subject for serious consideration. For each candidate raised in the jurisdiction the lodges paid toward the support of the home \$5.50, and a further sum of thirty cents for each member yearly. He said:

While this sum has proved sufficient in the past to cover the cost of all pressing needs, it does not require the vision of a prophet to discern the truth with regard to the future. The constantly increasing cost of living; the urgent necessity for enlarged facilities to provide for the natural increase in our family; and the provision now being made for the care of what is known as "hospital cases," will impose such an additional burden upon the Home Committee and a tax upon their limited resources as to render necessary an increase in the per capita assessment for maintenance. This is inevitable sooner or later, and while the matter is submitted without recommendation, I deem it wise to bring it to your attention that it may receive such careful consideration at your hands as the gravity of the situation or the importance of the subject may dictate.

One lodge had given a thousand dollars to the permanent fund of the home; and the Grand Master hoped that other lodges would follow the example according to their means.

On report of a special committee appointed for the purpose of drafting patriotic resolutions, it was resolved:

That we, the members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey, the representatives of 45,000 Masons, in annual communication assembled, do hereby affirm our allegiance to our country and our flag.

We heartily endorse the action of his Excellency the President of the United States in committing our people to the cause of humanity, and as true Americans we do pledge to him our unqualified support in this epoch of the history of our country.

The Masonic Employment Bureau of New Jersey operates throughout the state and is supported by contributions from private lodges, though it has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge. Since its organization in 1914 it has found positions for 873 brethren, whose salaries average over \$15 per week. Since the establishment of the bureau the lodges have noted a material decrease in applications for financial assistance.

Grand Lodge resolved: "That so-called 'chain-letters' containing a hope of personal reward or a threat of misfortune are declared to be unmasonic."

All appointed as well as elected officers of Grand Lodge are now given the title of Right Worshipful.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the trustees to invest all available funds of Grand Lodge in United States war bonds.

The very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was again presented by W. Bro. Robert A. Shirreffs, And here we rise to a point of order: If a Grand Sword Bearer in New Jersey is Right Worshipful, why not a Grand Correspondent? It is always a pleasure to read the reports of Bro. Shirreffs.

Lodges in New Jersey 199; members 44,381, a gain for the year of 2,124.

William M. Thompson, Trenton, Grand Master.

Isaac Cherry, Trenton, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

The fortieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was opened at Las Cruces October 8th, 1917. Alonzo B. McMillen Grand-Master.

In opening his address Bro. McMillen said: "I am glad to report that we are on the most friendly terms with all other jurisdictions, and no question has arisen during my term but what has been adjusted in a Masonic spirit." He added that "the most of the lodges and Masonry in general are in a flourishing condition throughout the jurisdiction, and harmony and goodwill prevail."

He was called upon to report the loss by death of no less than three Past Grand Masters during the year. They were Joseph H. Kuhns, Grand Master 1892-1893, died Nov. 18, 1916; Charles Bowmer, Grand Master 1896-1897, died November 10th, 1916; and John C. Slack, Grand Master 1903-1904, died January 14th, 1917.

A dispensation had been granted for the formation of one new lodge during the year.

The following problem was presented to the Grand Master for solution.

Question: "A" is a Mason who has two brothers, "B" and "C," who are also Masons. "A" has sat in lodge with "B" but has not with "C." "C" has remarked that he, "C," is a Mason, to "A," in the presence of "B," no further Masonic conversation being held. "C" has a partner in business, "D," who is a Mason, according to a statement made to "A" by "C," who further states that he has been in lodge with "D." Later, "A" received a letter from "B," saying that he, "B," had been to lodge with "C." "D" visits the town where "A" resides. With the information "A" has, can he lawfully vouch for "D?"

The Grand Master could "see no reason for discussing such a complicated situation."

Bro. McMillen recommended that brethren enlisting for service in the present war should be exempted from payment of lodge dues during the term of their service, and Grand Lodge urged this as a duty upon subordinate lodges.

Grand Lodge unanimously resolved to subscribe for war bonds of the United States to the extent of \$10,000.

The excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by R. W. Bro. John Milne.

Lodges in New Mexico 46; members 3,978, a gain for the year of 218.

Richard M. Thorne, Carlsbad, Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Four quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales and one special communication for the purpose of proclaiming the election of Grand Master and for the investiture of other Grand Lodge officers were held during the year ended July 11th, 1917.

At the quarterly communication held September 13th, 1916, routine business was attended to. A Grand Master's banner was presented to the Grand Master; but the latter scarcely knew what to do with it. He said he should always regard it with pleasure and pride; but he thought it should be left in the Masonic hall, "as a memento to the Masons of future years."

The Board of General Purposes recommended grants amounting to £500 to various benevolent institutions.

At the quarterly communication held December 13th, 1916, the Grand Master announced that he had granted a dispensation to permit the initiation in one day of six candidates in a lodge. The candidates were five brothers and the son of another brother.

The Board of General Purposes recommended sending an address of congratulation to the Grand

Lodge of England on the occasion of its two hundredth anniversary. The address was afterwards sent.

At the quarterly communication held on the 13th June, 1917, announcement was made that a War Benevolent Fund Bazaar had been held at Sydney, at which more than \$40,000 had been added to the fund.

At a special communication held July 11th, 1917, M. W. Bro. William Thompson was re-elected Grand Master, and proclaimed as such, and the other officers of Grand Lodge were invested.

The Grand Master announced that 2,300 members of the craft in New South Wales were on active service, and 123 of these had given their lives for the empire. Thus Masonry in that jurisdiction had given nearly ten per cent. of its membership to the cause of humanity.

For the War Benevolent fund more than £15,000 had been raised. Apparently about half of it had been expended in the relief of soldiers and their dependents.

During the year the Grand Master had signed 2,512 Master Masons' certificates, showing more than a normal increase in the strength of the craft.

The various funds of Grand Lodge, not including the temple account, were reported to amount to £65,611.

The excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was written by the several members of the committee. That for Canada was from the pen of R. W. Bro. S. Scott-Young. In concluding the report Bro. Scott-Young said:

May we express the fervent hope that when the day of peace shall once more dawn upon this battered, bleeding and heart-torn old world, the great Masonic truth of the universal fatherhood of God, and the universal brotherhood of man, may be the medium of once more uniting the scattered fragments of humanity so long divided, and of re-knitting and re-binding by the strong cords of love the fraternal bonds so cruelly broken.

Lodges in New South Wales 267; members 24,042, a gain for the year of 1,577.

William Thompson, Sydney, Grand Master.

Arthur H. Bray, Sydney, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The one hundred and thirty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was opened at New York City May 1st, 1917. Thomas Penney Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master's reference to the war was brief but pointed. He said:

Now we are called upon to fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts; for democracy; for the ultimate peace of the world; for the rights of nations, great and small; and the privilege of men everywhere to choose their way of life and of obedience.

It is our sincere belief that in this crisis, perhaps the greatest in the history of our country, as in the earlier days, we will stand a united people, irrespective of the place of our birth or that of our forefathers, ready to dedicate our lives and our fortunes, everything that we are and everything that we have, for this, our beloved country.

Among the notices of his official visits we find the following:

Another notable visitation was made to Zetland Lodge, in Toronto, which was distinguished by the presence of many eminent brethren of the province of Ontario. We were highly honoured by the presence of the Grand Master of Canada, who made an especial trip from Ottawa in order to officially receive us at the lodge meeting.

He does not appear to have been wholly satisfied with the working of the Masonic Relief Association. He said:

There is a serious question in the minds of many as to whether or not this large expenditure of money could not be put to a better use by directly helping some worthy charitable cause or educating some worthy child or children rather than participating in circulating throughout the country the names and pedigrees of a few Masonic frauds.

The Grand Master was of opinion that Masonry is not doing its full duty in the matter of benevolence. He said:

With all the suffering and need in the world today, how much are we doing to help the various philanthropic movements in our several localities? Think of the vast number of orphan children on this continent who will become the future men and women in control of the destinies of our beloved country, lacking education and care. Then ask yourselves the question, How much are we doing to supply that need outside of our home in Utica? Could your lodge or mine take one or more of the splendid children, easily to be found, and fit them to become leaders for good in the coming generation? I am only indicating in a very limited way what could be done by any of us in putting into practice the teachings of Masonry. There are innumerable ways and means through or by which we can do practical and constructive work.

It is but just to our New York brethren to note here that they are still paying toward the extinction of the debt on the Masonic temple in New York at the rate of seven dollars per member, and that this payment is really an endowment. Bro. Penney's own lodge has paid more than \$6,000 to that fund. A report of the trustees of the redemption fund showed that more than a million dollars had been paid by lodges throughout the state.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that we, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the state of New York, in annual communication assembled, pledge to the government of the United States our unswerving support, and to our country our best efforts, our fortunes, and our lives, to the end that victory may crown our arms, and government of the people, by the people, for the people, may not perish from the earth.

There was a great incoming of distinguished visitors. Among them were Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president of the United States, W. R. Riddell, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario, Louis A. Watres, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Sydney A. Luke, Grand Master, and W. D. McPherson, Past Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada, all of whom were welcomed with honours and who addressed Grand Lodge with words of eloquence. Among other good things Bro. Roosevelt said:

Let us emulate Canada. Canada was not prepared when the war broke out, no better prepared than we are.

She had a better excuse. We have seen our neighbour's houses burning for two years and nine months while we have been remarking there would probably not be much of a conflagration after all. But Canada was not prepared, though she acted at once along two lines. She began to make ready her strength for the future, and she availed herself of every instrumentality that could be used in the present. Let us do the same thing. Let us now prepare our strength today to put through this war—if it takes one or two or three years we will put it through—and prepare our strength with the purpose of making preparedness. Let us make universally acquired military training and service a feature of American policy hereafter. Let us do that and at the same time let us now—not next year—but let us now this minute send over the forces we can to put our flag on the firing line beside the Canadian flag. Let us within ninety days have some body of troops with the American flag beside the flags of England and France and of Canada on the firing line.

The Judge Advocate reported, and the Grand Master approved, the report, that "under the present constitution, neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge has power to issue a dispensation for the establishment of a military lodge in a territory which contains a duly constituted Grand Lodge with which we are in friendly relations."

R. W. Bro. Ossian Lang, the Grand Historian, submitted an interesting and very valuable report on the formation of the Grand Lodge of England.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. William Sherer, chairman of the committee. Quoting the statement of moral principles in the first book of Constitutions of the English Grand Lodge, the committee commented thereon as follows:

The statement may verily be called the Magna Charta of our fraternity. It is not surprising that at a time of bitter intolerance in politics and religion, this great Masonic platform of morality, toleration and good will, challenged the sympathetic attention of good men everywhere. In this spirit of tolerant morality Freemasonry "has spread its beneficent influence wider and wider over the earth." In all lands and among all peoples Freemasonry has been found on the side of individual, social and political righteousness, it has stood against wickedness among the high and the lowly, it has spread the light of social and political truth, it has proclaimed a high code of ethics for men and governments; it has withstood evil and promoted works of private and public beneficence. It has passed through periods of misunderstanding, misrepresentation, obloquy and persecution and has gradually won the respect of the world.

In the few places where its ministry has been refused and repelled, religious bigotry has kept men in ignorance or political despotism has held men in thrall.

Lodges in New York 861; members Dec. 31, 1916, 203,716, a gain for the year of 6,293.

Thomas W. Penney, Buffalo, Grand Master.

William Sherer, New York, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The twenty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was held at Grand Forks June 19th and 20th, 1917. On account of imperative business matters the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor, was unable to be present, and Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William J. Reynolds. The address of the Grand Master was read by the Deputy. In opening, the address said:

Since last we met our beloved country has been brought face to face with the terrible prospect of a long war. This will be a testing time. Most of us have affiliations with one or another of the European countries now in the struggle, and we feel our sympathies going out to them, but now our interests must be with our country, our America, and as true men we must ever remember that we are American citizens.

The death was noted of M. W. Bro. Thomas Louis Foulks, who was Grand Master in 1901-1902.

Four lodges had been constituted during the year.

The Supreme Court of North Dakota had decided that property used exclusively for Masonic purposes was not subject to taxation. The trial proved somewhat expensive, and the Grand Master regretted that the lodges which had mainly benefited by the decision had declined to assist in paying expenses.

He was severe in his condemnation of chain letters of all kinds and he recommended brethren who might receive any such to "break the chain every time."

He had issued a circular urging lodges and individual Masons to buy United States War Bonds.

He said: "We cannot all go to the front, but we can all help a little in loaning our country our money."

He reported that the North Dakota regiment had twelve field and staff officers and fifty-three company officers and men who were Masons.

The Grand Secretary reported the largest gain in membership in the history of the jurisdiction, though no new lodges had been formed.

By means of travelling libraries, study clubs and other instrumentalities, North Dakota is endeavouring, and with success, to disseminate a knowledge of Masonry and Masonic principles throughout the state. The librarian says that "through the circulation of books and travelling libraries, we have reached approximately fifty per cent. of the lodges of the state in some way or other."

On report of the Committee on Patriotic Service, which was unanimously adopted, the Grand Lodge pledged "its united support to the President and Administration in this unavoidable conflict until liberty shall again emerge victorious"; to purchase \$5,000 worth of war bonds; to make very liberal grants to various patriotic services; and to levy a special assessment of \$1 per member throughout the jurisdiction annually during the continuance of the war.

M. W. Bro. Walter M. Stockwell, the Grand Secretary, read an excellent paper on the formation of the Grand Lodge of England and the beginnings of Masonry in America.

A well-written and well-considered report on Fraternal Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. William E. Hoover.

Lodges in North Dakota 113; members 10,668, a gain for the year of 613.

William J. Reynolds, Westhope, Grand Master.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The fifty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was opened at Truro June 13th, 1917. Donald F. Fraser Grand Master.

Immediately after the formal opening Grand Lodge was called from labour, and its members formed in procession and marched to St. John's church, where Divine service was conducted by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. T. C. Mellor.

The Grand Master, in his address, called attention to the fact that Truro Lodge had reached the fiftieth year of its existence, and that one of its charter members was then in Grand Lodge.

Of the war he said:

From the inception of this fight for freedom, the Canadian has taken a significant part, and as a portion of this great Dominion there have been no laggards among the many brave hearts in this province by the sea. Our lads have gone forth and taken their full share of the battle for right and won their full measure of applause from the civilized world. They have not been afraid to cast their all in the balance and make their sacrifices on the altar of love for the nation. Among them have been scores of the brethren of our lodges; and for those who will never return we are brought to mourn, but the spirit which prompted their devotion benumbs the feelings of pain. The blanks in our ranks are many and they are the result of love. We bow the head reverently before those who fight, those who suffer, and those who have laid down their lives.

There had been marked activity in a large majority of the lodges in the jurisdiction. On the whole the year had been a good one, and one calling for congratulation.

He noted the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Marshall Black, who was Grand Master in 1909 and 1910.

He had refused to grant a dispensation to form a military lodge.

He had issued a circular discountenancing the chain-prayer nuisance.

During the year he had instituted Nova Scotia Lodge of Research, and some valuable work had been done by that body.

A special committee, appointed for the purpose, reported that it had erected a monument to the late M. W. Bro. Theodore A. Cossman.

A sum of \$500 was voted to the Patriotic Fund \$500 to the Military Y. M. C. A., and \$250 to the Canadian Red Cross.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by R. W. Bro. James C. Jones, the Assistant Grand Secretary, who contented himself with recording the proceedings of sister grand jurisdictions, and expressed no opinions of his own. His report is good and complete.

The volume of proceedings is illustrated with a general view of the Freemasons' home at Windsor and several views of the interior.

Lodges in Nova Scotia 74, including one under dispensation; members 6,927, a gain for the year of 72.

Donald Fisher Fraser, New Glasgow, Grand Master.

Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The one hundred and eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was opened at Springfield October 17th, 1917. Joel C. Clore Grand Master. There is in Ohio an unbroken line of twenty-five living Past Grand Masters; and, with a single exception, all were present.

There were addresses of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Springfield and of the Masons of the city, to which the Grand Master suitably responded.

In opening his address the Grand Master reported the largest increase in membership in the history of the Grand Lodge; and yet, he said, "neither the quality of the material seeking admission nor the requisite standard for admission has been lowered."

There was, he added, peace within, harmony among the lodges, and prosperity throughout the jurisdiction.

Five lodges had been constituted during the year, and dispensations had been issued for the formation of five new lodges.

In reply to requests for the formation of military lodges, Bro. Clore had declared that the Grand Master had no power to grant dispensations for the formation of such lodges, and that the initiative would have to be taken by Grand Lodge. But he said that he was opposed to such bodies. The result of their formation would be "disastrous to the cause of Freemasonry." Grand Lodge, however, took the other view. It authorized the formation of a military lodge, and framed rules for its government.

Flag raisings and other patriotic meetings among Masons had been frequent throughout the jurisdiction, Bro. Clore said. He had issued a message to his brethren encouraging such manifestations of loyalty.

Masonic employment bureaus had been established in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo. Of them he said: "These bureaus have been accomplishing a wonderful work. Their motto is, 'Help a brother to help himself.' I wish to take this occasion to encourage members of the Masonic fraternity generally throughout the state to patronize these bureaus both when wanting employment for themselves and when seeking the services of others."

On report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. Nelson Williams, and it is a good one. In his report on the proceedings of this jurisdiction for 1916, Bro. Williams said:

We are almost astounded at the report of the payments made out of the benevolence general fund, which, we understand, were disbursements made for personal charity, and which, if we understand the report, amount to \$30,700. The Grand Treasurer reported that the total amount contributed to date by the members of the craft in that province to the Belgian relief fund was \$46,638.39.

In fact the grants from the funds of Grand Lodge for benevolence in the year named amounted to \$36,070; but our brother will please remember that in this jurisdiction we do not maintain a Masonic home, so that the money referred to, in addition to the grants made by individual lodges and brethren, was the main support of the needy brethren and the widows and orphans of Masons in the province of Ontario.

In his concluding remarks Bro. Williams has some very pertinent observations which ought to meet with general approval. He says:

It is quite evident to us that there is an unusual amount of hysteria prevailing in many of the Grand Jurisdictions because of the war, and we fear that it will not result in good to the fraternity. Landmarks, usages, rules, and regulations of our ancient craft are being set aside and ignored with a freedom and recklessness that is astonishing, to say the least. Many seem to feel that if a man wearing the uniform of a soldier should knock at our doors he should be admitted without question. Indeed, in some instances the doors have been opened and invitations extended to the boys in khaki, and we are not quite sure but that some of the lodges have gone so far as to endeavour to drive them in. We believe this is all dead wrong. We have as much respect, love and esteem for the American soldier as any person on earth, and recognize and appreciate the patriotism exhibited by him when he casts his life and fortune upon his country's altar and goes forth to battle in her behalf. But we do not believe that a soldier's uniform makes a gentleman out of any man who was not such before he donned it, and we believe that the same degree of care should be exercised, and that Masonic rules and regulations should be followed as closely in the case of soldiers as others. We believe their petitions should not be received in military lodges, or in lodges located at or near military camps, but that the petition of every applicant should be presented to and be acted upon by the lodge of his residence, and then, if he is elected, his lodge may request any lodge most convenient to him to confer the degrees.

Lodges in Ohio 546; members 114,293. In fifty years the lodges in the state increased in numbers by 55 and the members by 77,249. The increase in the membership in 1917 was 7,254, which is something of which the Ohio brethren may well be proud.

H. M. Hagelbarger, Akron, Grand Master.

J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The sixty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was opened at Portland June 13th, 1917. Will Moore Grand Master.

Immediately after the opening the flag of the United States was escorted into the lodge room, when Bro. the Rev. William Wallace Youngson, personating the flag, made a patriotic address. At the conclusion of the address the members of Grand Lodge rose and made promise as follows:

We pledge allegiance to our flag and to the republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. We pledge America to help make the world safe for democracy.

The Grand Master reported that the membership was growing rapidly, that the year would prove a record year, and that the new members "measured well up to the high standard of Masonry."

One lodge was constituted during the year, and dispensations granted for the formation of three new lodges.

The Grand Master was of opinion that Oregon Masons ought to have a Masonic home. He said: "It will no doubt cost the craft a little more than our present policy of caring for our brothers, their widows and orphans, but I fully believe the benefits to be derived from a home will much more than offset the added expense." Well, perhaps. He said that statistics of twenty-eight grand jurisdictions showed an investment in Masonic homes of \$7,176,246 and endowment funds amounting to \$2,997,192. Receipts from various sources were \$1,691,341, of which \$971,249 was spent on maintenance. On this showing much more money was spent on management and interest on investment than in actual relief of the beneficiaries. But then, the children who grow up in the homes will have the proud recollection through life that they were reared in a home.

Some clandestine Masons, who had been peddling degrees and making their dupes think they were getting the degrees of regular Masonry, were exposed and brought suit against the Grand Secre-

tary. They lost their case, but the costs of defending the suit were heavy. Grand Lodge reimbursed the Grand Secretary for his outlay.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a report lamenting the failure of efforts to create a national Grand Lodge. Nobody outside of Oregon appears to participate in the sorrow.

It was resolved to invest \$5,000 of Grand Lodge funds in war bonds.

M. W. Bro. David P. Mason presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. In writing his review he says, he experienced a wince of pain each time he had read an address mentioning the great war, "because now we, too, are among the belligerent nations, and Heaven only knows what is before us." He ought to feel a thrill of gratitude because the United States is now able to assist in the great work of saving humanity from threatening barbarism and tyranny.

He says:

We note a few features of the year's Masonic progress: Physical qualifications are being relaxed when the candidate can comply with the ceremonies of initiation and when his moral and mental qualification is without question.

The flag of our beloved land has been placed in our lodge halls. Masonic study and research clubs are being formed widely and recognized as indispensable to Masonic progress and enthusiasm.

The attitude of Kentucky toward the higher education of the members of her Masonic home is as remarkable as it is praiseworthy. The trustees are studying the tastes and ability of these young people and giving them a chance for full efficiency in their lives.

Lodges in Oregon 144, including two under dispensation; members 15,204, a gain for the year of 425.

W. G. Shellenbarger, Portland, Grand Master.

James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held at Philadelphia March 7th, 1917. Louis A. Watres Grand Master.

The Grand Master in announcing his attendance at the Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, said he regretted that Pennsylvania had contributed nothing toward the enterprise, though Washington was closely identified with Pennsylvania Masonry. He added: "From every point of view Pennsylvania should do its full share toward the erection of this splendid monument to a great Pennsylvania Mason, and one whose memory the world holds in such high esteem."

He had issued a circular to the lodges notifying members that they were prohibited from giving any recognition whatever to the so-called Masonic prayer so industriously circulated by means of chain-letters.

A quarterly communication was held June 6th 1917, with the Grand Master in the East.

Resolutions were adopted requesting the Grand Master to transmit to the Grand Lodge of England in view of the approaching celebration by the latter of its two hundredth anniversary, the following resolution:

That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons—the first duly organized Grand Lodge of Masons in the western hemisphere—herewith sends its felicitations and greetings of fraternal good will to the United Grand Lodge of England, the parent Grand Lodge of Freemasonry in the world, on this bi-centennial of its organization, in the prayerful hope that the future will assure to all the members of these Grand Lodges and to all regular Freemasons in the world a continuance of reciprocal obligations and fraternal rights, and that the Grand Master of the Universe may speedily give to all the people of the earth a permanency of peace and goodwill.

In introducing the resolution Bro. John Wanamaker said that the original Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was formed in 1731 by lodges which had not received warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, but which existed by immemorial right. In fact they formed themselves into a Grand Lodge just as the Grand Lodge of England formed itself. Bro. Wanamaker held that the Philadelphia lodges had as good a right to form themselves into a Grand Lodge as the four lodges of London which

formed the Grand Lodge of England. And the candid enquirer will ask, If not, why not? Immemorial lodges in Ireland and Scotland formed the Grand Lodges of those countries, and their regularity has never been questioned. If they are regular why not the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania? Of course, there remains the question: Did the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania retain its independent position, or was it legitimized and "healed" by Henry Price of Massachusetts, as the Massachusetts brethren assert?

After all, these are questions of little real importance. Masons outside of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania care very little which of the Grand Lodges had priority of existence. The great fact that interests Masons is that both are in the very front rank of the world's greatest lodges, and both are doing Masonic work worthy of the position they hold.

A fitting tribute was paid to the memory of M. W. Bro. George Wilkins Guthrie, who was Grand Master in 1910 and 1911, and who died March 8th, 1917, at Tokio, while serving his country as ambassador to Japan.

Grand Lodge declined to recognize the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

A quarterly communication was held September 5th, 1917.

The Grand Master condemned extravagance in Masonic banquets. "During the year 1916," he said, "our 502 lodges spent approximately a quarter of a million dollars for this one item."

After pledging to the government unwavering loyalty and support, the Grand Lodge called upon each member in the jurisdiction to contribute not less than two dollars to establish a Pennsylvania war relief fund.

A quarterly communication was held December 5th, 1917.

The highly important financial business of Grand Lodge was transacted, but the proceedings are not of interest outside of Pennsylvania.

The annual grand communication was held December 27th, 1917, with the Grand Master presiding.

The Library Committee made a very full and interesting report, in the course of which the chairman said: "There is not a Masonic book of any importance that cannot be found in our library, . . . and we may well claim that there is not another Masonic collection in this western world as complete as that of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania."

The Grand Master said he had declined to receive petitions for regimental or army lodges. He added: "A warrant such as those suggested would to all intents and purposes be a warrant for a foreign lodge."

Bro. Thomas F. Penman, chairman, submitted the report of the Committee on Correspondence. Owing to the high prices of paper and printing the report was somewhat shortened, but there was no evidence of important omissions, and it is altogether an excellent report.

Lodges in Pennsylvania 507; members 131,954, a gain for the year of 5,306.

James B. Krause, Philadelphia, Grand Master.

John A. Perry, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was opened at Manila January 22nd, 1918. Manuel L. Quezon Deputy Grand Master, in the East.

Serious illness compelled the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Hendrickson Taylor, to seek health in the United States, where he underwent a serious operation, and at the time for holding the annual communication he was not able to return to Manila. Of him the Deputy Grand Master said:

Brother Taylor deserves the undying gratitude not only of Masonry in the Philippines, but of the country in general, for his work as a Mason has benefited not Masonry alone but our community at large. During his term as Grand Master, and due to his ability and energy, the most important Masonic event ever recorded took place in these Islands, an event which has given vigorous life to Masonry and has ensured its complete triumph. I refer to the unification of our Masonic bodies. United under the banner of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, we shall bring Masonic light to every corner of the archipelago, and the principles of justice, equality and brotherhood of men, will in due course reign supreme over here.

Much tact and judgment, as well as ability, were required to form the union between the Spanish and the English-speaking brethren of the Philippine Islands, and Brother Taylor deserves all and more than Brother Quezon has said for his successful work in that behalf.

The address of the Grand Master was transmitted to Grand Lodge and was read by the Deputy Grand Master. The former said:

Our progress continues to be most remarkable. The spirit of Masonry in these Islands has never shown more brilliantly and each day but adds to its lustre. I never have been in a jurisdiction where the members as a whole take their Masonry so seriously as do our brethren. It is a daily inspiration to better work and nobler deeds just to meet and mingle with you all. Our unification has given a spiritual uplift to our lodges and to our members the beneficial effects of which cannot be exaggerated. May we press on in our faith doing that good each day that our hands may find to do.

Three lodges were constituted during the year, and dispensations were granted for the formation of two new lodges.

An application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama had been received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence "without comment." On report of the committee recognition and exchange of representatives were authorized.

Of the co-operation of English-speaking and Spanish-speaking Masons in the jurisdiction the Grand Master said:

Seldom has such a situation arisen, as exists with us where adepts in both Anglo-Saxon and Latin Masonry have been united in the same Grand Lodge. It is our duty,

therefore, to give to the world the benefit of our knowledge and to bring both the members of the Anglo-Saxon and those of the Latin lodges of the world to a realization of the sincerity of the adherence of the other to our common ideals. We know under what difficulties our brethren of Latin Masonry labour, especially those located in certain countries, as most of them are, where powerful influences are constantly working for their hindrance and suppression and where even their official mail seldom if ever reaches them. We appreciate this and it is our duty to make use of our knowledge and opportunity to give due evidence of this fact in our meetings and Masonic publications: for we, like our Latin Masonic friends, must perforce practice militant Masonry. Let us, therefore, rise to our opportunity and perform our duty by taking our rightful place in the front ranks of the Grand Lodges of the world, and so help make the universality of Masonry an accomplished fact.

The Governor-General of the Philippine Islands Bro. Francis B. Harrison, invited all members of Grand Lodge to a reception at Malacanang Palace, and the affair was highly successful. The thanks of Grand Lodge were tendered to his Excellency for his courtesy.

Members of lodges in the Philippine Islands on military service in Europe were given permission to visit lodges of the Grand Lodge of France, the Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Orient of Italy, the Grand Orient of Belgium, and the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland.

The report on Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. Newton C. Comfort, chairman of the committee. It is good and comprehensive.

Lodges in the Philippine Islands 43, including two under dispensation; members 2,894, a gain for the year of 1,055.

Manuel L. Quezon, Manila Grand Master.

Newton C. Comfort, Manila, Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The forty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was opened at Summerside June 27th, 1917. A. Stirling MacKay Grand Master.

The Grand Master announced that he had sent a special word of greeting to each brother serving king and country either at home or over seas.

In view of existing war conditions he said:

In these unparalleled days of stress with a pall of war hanging over the world, liberty assailed, and famine threatening many nations, it is the urgent and sacred duty of everyone to do his full share. If ever there was a time in the world's history when plain living and high thinking should be the universal rule, this is the time. We have been prodigal of time and means, and it now becomes our duty to render our best service to our country in this the time of her greatest need. In these days, large with opportunity, let it be everything to each of us what we do and how we do it, and be ever found in the path of duty, regardless of reward and applause, and always as in the sight of Him who gave the strength and opportunity to do our part. Let us dedicate our lives, our talents, our means, everything we are, everything we have, in this great struggle for world freedom.

He reported a most gratifying condition of the craft throughout the jurisdiction. Peace and harmony prevailed and the ritualistic work was most creditable.

The Grand Secretary reported that not only was the craft prospering numerically, but its finances were in good shape.

He had sent a cablegram of felicitation to the Grand Lodge of England on the occasion of the celebration of its two hundredth anniversary.

It was resolved to send a letter of congratulation to Bro. Harry C. Green, who had attained the age of one hundred years. This, the mover of the resolution said, was "a circumstance unique in our history, and seldom recorded in sister jurisdictions."

Lodges in Prince Edward Island 15; members 881, an increase for the year of 27.

Benjamin Rogers, Charlottetown, Grand Master.

W. P. Doull, Charlottetown. Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

The forty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was opened at Montreal February 13th, 1918. W. W. Williamson Grand

Master. It is gratifying to note that only three lodges in the jurisdiction were unrepresented.

A resolution was offered recommending the establishment of a home for veteran soldiers who may be disabled by wounds or sickness. It was referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry, which asked for further time for consideration.

In opening his address the Grand Master said:

When I assumed the office of Grand Master I felt, as I do now, that under the grave conditions which then existed and continue to exist, it was fitting I should convey as speedily as possible to the members of this jurisdiction what I conceived to be the paramount duty devolving on us as loyal Masons, of conserving all our efforts and resources in aid of our dear land and empire, by making every possible sacrifice in giving that service which the continuance of this gigantic and ruthless struggle imposes on us with greater necessity than ever, thus I have tried to impress this message of service with sacrifice on all our members on every occasion, for no other service can be truly said to be of much moment, as it would lack that spirit which has ever made disinterested service of inestimable value in both its practical and moral effect, and, thank God, that spirit is continually in evidence around us.

He pointed with sorrow and with pride to the fact that so many Masons had fallen on the field of honour, in defense of their country and of the world's liberty. The "Roll of Honour" published in another part of the proceedings, shows that, up to the end of 1917, fifty-one Masons had made the supreme sacrifice; and when we remember that there were only 8,861 members of the craft in Quebec, we must acknowledge that they have done their whole duty.

Bro. Williamson spoke with high appreciation of the late Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Will H. White, who died on the 19th September. Of Bro. White he said: "We loved him, we mourn him, we cherish his memory; and to his loved ones who have been left behind for a brief space we tender our deepest regret and sympathy."

Both numerically and financially the craft had prospered in Quebec during the year, and the outlook for the coming year was excellent.

The Grand Chaplain, the Rev. George Duncan, delivered a stirring address, in the course of which he said:

So far from our order being in any way contradictory of the perennial truths of Christianity, I make bold to say that a good Christian is all the better for being a good Mason, and a good Mason all the better for being a good Christian.

The following resolution was adopted:

That the Committee on Ritual be instructed to make all necessary amendments to that portion of the charge to the newly initiated candidate, which, as it now stands, direct his attention to allegiance said to be due the sovereign of his native land.

M. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers again submitted an excellent and comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence, which it is a pleasure to read. He rightly speaks of the proposal to form a general Grand Lodge for the United States as an absurdity.

Dealing with Masonic homes, he pointed out that the cost of maintenance in homes ranged from \$180 per year in one jurisdiction to \$500 in another, and that the average cost per head in thirty-eight homes was \$333. He added.:

Everything considered, the general consensus of opinion appears to be that the home system is the ideal one for large and thickly populated communities, in which the number of those to be provided for runs into the hundreds. In jurisdictions like our own, where the number of those to be wholly or almost wholly provided for by the craft is fortunately very small indeed, it is found that the institutional system of relief is neither the most desirable to the fraternity at large nor yet to those cared for.

Lodges in Quebec 66; members 8,861, a gain for the year of 373.

W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Master.

Walter C. Hagar, Montreal, Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND.

A stated communication of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was held at Brisbane September 17th, 1916. A. M. Hertzberg Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master said that the progress of the craft in Queensland had

been fully maintained and its prestige still further assured. In the great European war the brethren had nobly taken upon themselves their full share of honor and responsibility in flying to the colors, the Grand Lodge being represented by more than 150 of its members, and those unable to go had aided in all patriotic work.

During the year four new lodges had been established. The Grand Master said:

Numerically our progress is satisfactory, making due allowance for the strenuous times we are passing through. Since the inauguration of our Grand Lodge, we have initiated, passed and raised 2,286 brethren, which is a good guide to our number, whilst financially we have also made fair progress, our accumulated funds being £9,000, represented by the Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons institution funds—our justification and our pride—the benevolent fund and the general fund.

A stated communication was held at Brisbane March 14th, 1917. A. M. Hertzberg Grand Master.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

A stated communication was held at Brisbane June 4th, 1917. Illness prevented the Grand Master's presence, and the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. A. Leney, presided.

On the 11th of June the grand officers were elected, Bro. James Stodart being chosen Grand Master. Apparently Bro. Hertzberg, who had presided over the craft for eight years, was forced by ill health to decline a reelection.

The Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Institution had invested funds to the amount of £5,400.

Lodges in Queensland 70; number of members not stated.

James Stodart, Brisbane, Grand Master.

Charles H. Harley, Brisbane, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held at Providence November 20th, 1916. Wilbur A. Scott Grand Master.

The rule concerning physical qualifications of candidates in Rhode Island was that "no man who is unable to perform any part of the work in the three degrees of symbolic Masonry is eligible to receive those degrees." The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that this be changed to read:

No man who is unable to perform every part of the work in the three degrees of symbolic Masonry is eligible to receive those degrees; but an applicant, physically defective, who can by artificial means, controlled by himself, perform all the requirements of the work, shall be eligible.

After discussion Grand Lodge resolved not to accept the recommendation, and the rule remains as it was.

On recommendation of the committee, recognition was given to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

The one hundred and twenty-seventh annual communication was held at Providence May 21st, 1917. Wilbur A. Scott Grand Master.

Report was made of the death during the year of two Past Grand Masters: Newton Darling Arnold, who presided in the Grand East in 1883; and Elisha Hunt Rhodes, who was Grand Master in 1893.

R. W. Bro. J. F. Reid, of Ottawa, had been appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Among the decisions rendered by Bro. Scott the following have general interest:

I held that a member of a subordinate lodge objecting to the passing of a candidate, must present with his objection, information or charges susceptible of investigation, and that on refusal to do so, the objection might properly be ignored.

I held that it was improper to permit an officer or member of any other organization (in this case a Commandery), at a funeral conducted by a lodge, to pronounce any portion of the burial service of such other organization, and that the service as laid down in "The Freemasons Burial Office" should be strictly adhered to.

I held that it was proper to conduct a Masonic funeral where the body had been cremated, provided the ashes were to be entombed or interred, but not otherwise.

The Grand Master recommended remission of dues of all members serving in the armies of the United States during the present war.

Referring to the failure of the Grand Master of Oregon to secure a conference of Grand Masters "for the purpose of securing uniformity and co-operation in administration," Bro. Scott said:

While I believe that all Grand Jurisdictions must have appreciated the generosity of the Grand Lodge of Oregon in offering its hospitality and the sincerity of its motives, it is evident that there is a very general feeling that the benefits of such conferences are not commensurate with their cost. Many jurisdictions doubtless feel that the real purpose of the proponents of similar conferences in the past, has been a desire to establish a general grand lodge, a project which has been consistently disapproved and opposed by this and other neighboring grand jurisdictions whenever it has been presented for consideration.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that it would be inadvisable, at least for the present, to adopt Grand Lodge clothing similar to that in use in England. That was wise. The English Grand Lodge clothing is heavy, cumbrous and expensive.

Lodges in Rhode Island 37; members 9,832, a gain for the year of 364.

Herbert A. Rice, Providence, Grand Master.

S. Penrose Williams, Providence, Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN.

The eleventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was opened at Saskatoon June 20th, 1917. John Hawkins Anderson Grand Master.

Addresses of welcome were delivered on behalf of the city of Saskatoon and of the local lodges.

Referring to those—Masons and non-Masons—who had gone to the defence of the empire and of civilization, the Grand Master asked: "Shall we be guilty of apathy and mock-heroic professions of charity and justice?" And his answer was "Decidedly NO!" He added:

In the first place it should be clearly understood that we are not setting ourselves up as charity mongers. The

question is not one of charity, but is distinctly of the nature of a bounden duty on our part to see that the dependents of these brethren who offered their lives on the altar of liberty shall not suffer from a privation of the necessities of life. Many brethren have risked their all in the glorious cause. Not from unforeseen circumstances—for it was to be expected that not a few would make the supreme sacrifice, while others would be maimed for life—have misfortune and calamity overtaken them. From any equitable viewpoint that may be adopted only one conclusion can be reached: surely those who offered their lives in a righteous cause should not also be expected, or permitted, to suffer material loss as a result of the ravages of war.

On his recommendation Grand Lodge, at a later period in the communication, resolved that each member in the jurisdiction should be assessed forty cents annually, in addition to former dues, for the use of the benevolent fund.

Seven lodges were constituted during the year, and dispensations were granted for the formation of ten new lodges.

The Grand Master had ruled that "It is not permissible for a brother from a Grand Lodge not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to either visit or affiliate with a lodge in this grand jurisdiction."

He had also ruled that "Any Grand Lodge officer, including the Grand Master, on entering a lodge shall give the passgrip and password of the degree." But the committee to which the address was referred said: "We believe that the Grand Master has the right to demand entrance to any lodge in Saskatchewan at any time without the usual formalities, so long as such lodge is aware that he is the Grand Master." The report of the committee was adopted.

The Grand Secretary reported that during the year 509 brethren had "donned the khaki, making a roll of over one thousand brethren from this province who are doing their bit for their king and country." Another report shows that twenty-eight brethren had lost their lives on the field of battle during the year 1916.

On the evening of the first day of the communication the members of Grand Lodge formed

in procession and marched to Knox church, where the two hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England was celebrated. In the course of his address the Grand Master said: "Though the Saskatchewan Grand Lodge is still in its infancy, having been formed only eleven years ago, 1,014 members out of a total of 7,600 in the province are on active service in defence of king and country."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell. Bro. Gorrell is in the service of the country, and was unable to be present at the communication of Grand Lodge owing to press of work, but he found time to write an excellent, though brief, report.

Lodges in Saskatchewan 125, including three under dispensation; members 8,071, a gain for the year of 501.

James McCauley, Moosejaw, Grand Master.

W. B. Tate, Regina, Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at Edinburgh August 2nd, 1917, Col. R. K. Stewart of Murdostoun, Past Grand Master, on the throne.

It was resolved to permit lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, when requested so to do, to pass or raise a brother on the roll of any grand lodge which may extend a reciprocal privilege, the brother so advanced to retain his membership in the mother lodge.

A report submitted by the Grand Secretary showed that 286 persons were in receipt of annuities aggregating £3,135.

At a quarterly communication held August 2nd, 1917, Sir Henry Dundas of Arniston was installed as Substitute Grand Master.

It was resolved that, in addition to dues formerly paid by subordinate lodges, each lodge in Scotland should pay to Grand Lodge one shilling

in the pound or guinea of the initiation fee of each candidate to the Annuity fund, to be called the Orphan fund. A sum of £10,000 was transferred from the Annuity fund to form a nucleus for the new fund.

At a quarterly communication held November 1st, 1917, the Grand Secretary was authorized to appoint an additional "clerkess" to his staff.

There is in Chile a lodge at Iquique, which has been in existence for twenty years, holding a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Peru. The Grand Lodge of Chile has now declared it to be irregular. The Grand Lodge of Scotland resolved to permit members of Scottish lodges in Chile to hold fraternal intercourse with this lodge. Iquique was ceded to Chile by Peru in 1883.

The Provincial Grand Master for Argyll and the Isles reported that Lodge Glencoe had 55 members, of whom 41 were in the military service of the country.

In the ten years ending with 1917 the initiations in lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland numbered 108,563.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland continues to warrant new lodges in Queensland in considerable numbers. The officers of the Grand Lodge of Queensland complain of this with some bitterness. But if brethren in the state would rather hold under the Grand Lodge of Scotland it is perfectly legitimate for them to do so. Apparently three lodges were formed in Queensland under Scottish warrants during the year 1917.

The General Fund was reported to have £64,557 at its credit on the 29th of November, 1917; the Benevolent Fund £13,676; the Annuity Fund £94,218; and the Orphan Fund £10,000.

Robert Gordon Gordon Gilmour of Craigmillar, Grand Master.

David Reid, Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was held at Adelaide October 18th, 1916. Eustace B. Grundy Grand Master.

On the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes a resolution was adopted recognizing the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Referring to the war the Grand Master said:

Brethren, there can be no doubt whatever, that now is the time when we must put forth our utmost strength. Now is the time to deny ourselves and practice a real economy, and not a false and pretended one, and above all, to exercise a stern self-discipline, controlling our passions and devoting ourselves to the discharge of those duties which fall to our lot to perform. So only, brethren, can we hope to preserve our own character and our dignity. So only can we help the great cause for which we are fighting, and give assistance and sympathy to each other and to those around us, many of whom so urgently need our loving care in these terrible days of trial and distress.

The annual communication was held at Adelaide April 18th, 1917, with the Grand Master on the throne. In accepting re-election to the position of Grand Master M. W. Bro. Grundy said: "When I say that I thank you, I want you to understand that I serve the craft as its humble servant. Mark you, service is the highest and noblest thing that a man can give."

He said that Masons in South Australia numbered 6,020, and that 500 of them were at the front fighting for their king and country. He added:

Let it be ours to see that these brave men and their dependents are cared for in a manner adequate to the debt we owe them, commensurate with the dignity of the Australian nation. Never let it be said of us as a people, in the bitter lines of an old poet:

Our God and soldier we alike adore,
When at the brink of ruin, not before;
After deliv'rance both alike requited,
Our God forgotten, and our soldiers slighted.

A committee presented the report on the Proceedings and Reports of Sister Grand Lodges. Canada was dealt with by Bro. James Evans, who did his work kindly and judiciously, but who fell

into error when he said that the benevolent grants made by Grand Lodge in this jurisdiction for the year 1916 amounted to \$5,445. He had probably taken only the grants from the Semi-Centennial Fund. The total grants made by Grand Lodge for the year named were \$39,715.

He referred to the "appalling total of unpaid dues in this jurisdiction," and commended to the consideration of Canadian Masons a clause in the South Australian Constitution which provides that "Should a member's subscription to his lodge be over two years in arrear, he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the lodge, and can only become a member again by regular proposition and ballot."

Lodges in South Australia 77; members 6,020, a gain for the year of 163.

Eustace B. Grundy, K. C., Adelaide, Grand Master.

Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The forty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was opened at Hot Springs June 12th, 1917. James Roane Grand Master.

Before the opening the flag of the United States was brought into the hall and received with appropriate ceremony.

The Grand Master said the year had not been marked by any event of unusual significance. There had been a substantial increase in the membership; and there had been greater enthusiasm and better work in the subordinate lodges than ever before.

When asked what would be the standing of a Mason in the jurisdiction if he should join the Roman Catholic church, he had replied that "Masonry does not concern itself with the creed, sect or religious opinion of its members, provided always that belief in God as the Supreme Architect of the Universe is a Masonic essential."

Bro. Roane was severe upon those who called the regular gatherings of Masons in their lodges meetings, and said the proper word was communications. There is some doubt about that. We have not at hand authorities to quote; but have an idea that Masonic assemblies in lodges are meetings and in Grand Lodges are communications. Probably, however, discussion of the subject would not be worth the time and labour it would cost.

The Grand Secretary in his report recommended his brethren to "break all chain letters."

He had prepared a form of ceremony for the reception of the United States flag by a lodge.

He had received applications for dispensations for four new lodges.

A contribution of fifty dollars was made to the fund for the widow of the late Robert Freke Gould.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge of Panama was recognized and exchange of representatives authorized.

M. W. Bro. S. A. Brown contributed an excellent report on Correspondence, without a word of introduction or "conclusion." Of this jurisdiction he said:

The deep unswerving loyalty of the Canadians to the empire and the mother country is a surprise to themselves although it is unexpressed. The "melting pot" has not been in use so much there as here. They have few foreigners to complicate matters. The British islands are home to them. Our brethren are the leaders in all manifestations of loyalty. And it is already costing them dear. Our dear Brother E. T. Malone, our Grand Representative, of whom we have always been so proud, has paid the price in the loss of a son on the field of battle. We tender him the assurance that we feel his loss and bereavement. Past Grand Master Gibson has also had laid upon him the same experience.

Lodges in South Dakota 147; members 12,226, a gain for the year of 522.

Fred H. Rugg, Yankton, Grand Master.

George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

TASMANIA.

There is very little in the published Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania to interest readers outside the jurisdiction. The twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Launceston February 28th, 1917. Sir William Ellison-Macartney Grand Master.

A proposal to eliminate the word charity from the constitution and substitute a less objectionable word was not approved. The Board of General Purposes pointed out that the Grand Lodges of New Zealand, New South Wales, Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia, and England retain the word, and added that "the Board is of opinion that the words 'Masonic charity' should not be considered in any restricted sense, but with the wider and broader application that embraces other virtues." In fact the original meaning of charity was grace or love, not the mere granting of relief to the needy.

Sir William Ellison-Macartney, having been appointed Governor of West Australia, was compelled to resign the Grand Mastership of Tasmania, much to the regret of the brethren. The Hon. C. E. Davies, Pro Grand Master and a former Grand Master, was raised to the vacant chair.

A semi-annual communication was held at Hobart August 30th, 1917. C. E. Davies Grand Master. The Grand Master called attention to the fact that a hundred and fifty members of the craft were serving the empire in the great world war, and that a considerable number had made the supreme sacrifice. He added:

It is pleasing to note—turning to some financial matters—that our benevolent fund still progresses satisfactorily, this fund now standing at £5,000, while we have been able to invest in the war loan £1,100 of our funds, and the many calls made upon our fund have been cheerfully met. The private lodges, too, by their monthly contributions, subscribed as a self-denial nearly £600 to the Red Cross funds. This only shows what the result of co-operation is. This self-denial to us, after all, is a very small matter, but when we note what results can be obtained thereby we have cause for congratulation on our forethought, and it behooves us all

during the period of the war to still continue, and, if possible, increase the donations that are now given to this most laudable object.

There are thirty-one lodges in Tasmania. The number of members is not given.

Hon. C. E. Davies, Hobart, Grand Master.

John Hamilton, Hobart, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The one hundred and fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was opened at Nashville January 10th, 1918. John T. Peeler Grand Master.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote:

Whereas, The Masonic fraternity is in all its essence and principles the steadfast champion of freedom, and

Whereas, Our country is now waging a war in behalf of civilization and liberty, therefore be it

Resolved, That the subordinate lodges of Tennessee shall hereafter and continuing until peace shall be declared display the flag of the United States in their lodge rooms in the east at all stated and called meetings.

The Grand Master had issued a circular to all the lodges in the jurisdiction recommending observance of the 24th of June, 1917, the two hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England.

Respecting the formation of military lodges he said:

I am informed that some of the Grand Lodges of the United States have authorized the organization of some character of military lodges, just how restricted or with what limitations they have been authorized, I am not informed. It occurs to me that much confusion could grow out of the organization of military lodges and I submit the question to you for your earnest consideration, without further recommendation on my part.

It does not appear that Grand Lodge took action on the subject.

A recommendation that the dues of Masons in the jurisdiction who had enlisted should be remitted by Grand Lodge was also passed over in silence.

Respecting the recognition of French Masonry the Committee on Jurisprudence made the following recommendation, which was adopted:

Your committee has carefully considered the question of the recognition of French Masonic grand bodies, as submitted in the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and while we are heartily in accord with the spirit of universal fraternity, and sincerely appreciate the intimate relations that unite us as citizens of two great republics merged in a common cause for the weal of humanity, we believe that the peculiar conditions that many years since interrupted our fraternal relations, involving fundamental principles of our institutions, are of too grave a nature to be hastily determined. We therefore approve the recommendation of said committee that the question of recognition of French Masonic grand bodies be referred to the incoming Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with authority, after having carefully considered such information as may be obtained through all available sources, if they shall find it for the vital interest of this time-honored institution and the sublime principles for which it stands, the Grand Master may extend fraternal recognition to such French grand bodies as may have met the approval of himself and his associates.

On recommendation of the same committee it was resolved: "That during the continuance of the present war, it shall be unlawful for any subordinate lodge in Tennessee to admit an alien enemy to receive the degrees of Masonry."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. H. A. Chambers. Respecting proposals to recognize the Grand Orient or the Grand Lodge of France Bro. Chambers said:

In the absence of authentic and disinterested information about said two French grand bodies, we had thought to suggest that in pursuance of the spirit of the resolution of DeSoto Lodge, this Grand Lodge authorize and direct the Grand Secretary and the Correspondence Committee to get if they can and as soon as they can, through some of our intelligent soldier members with our army in France and from the officers of said grand bodies and other reliable sources, detailed information proper to be had on the question of recognition.

That is right. Masonry should act with calmness and deliberation even in times of great excitement. French soldiers and the French people are making a fight in the cause of liberty and civilization such as has never been surpassed in the world's

history. But it does not follow that therefore French Masonry is regular. The question of recognition may well be deferred until the atmosphere clears and things can be seen in proper perspective and with clear light.

Lodges in Tennessee 456; members 30,255, a gain for the year of 998.

S. C. Brown, Athens, Grand Master.

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The eighty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was opened at Waco December 4th, 1917. Frank C. Jones Grand Master.

Among the distinguished visitors were the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Deputy Grand Master of Iowa, who received warm recognition and welcome.

By a standing vote it was unanimously resolved—

That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, composed of representatives of more than seventy-five thousand Master Masons, the flower of the manhood of Texas, hereby pledge their lives, their honor and their property to the aid of our government in its mighty conflict for upholding the principles of freedom and democracy, against a blood-thirsty cruel and barbarous autocracy that has embroiled the world in a war unparalleled in the annals of all time. We assure our soldiers and officers of the American army that we will stand by them with our moral and financial support, and will guard them from the traitorous attacks of treason and disloyalty in our own country.

Continuing the subject, the Grand Master, in opening his address, said:

The nations of the world have now begun the fourth year of the world war. America entered this horrible conflict with reluctance. The Imperial German government had been guilty of persistent insults and aggressions, had wantonly disregarded American rights on land and sea, and in violation of international law, had ruthlessly destroyed American lives and property. Then, in February last, Germany proceeded to use its submarines to sink the vessels of all nations not-allied with it. Vessels of every kind, whatever their flag, even hospital ships and relief ships to Belgium, without warning and without thought of mercy,

were sunk. Non-combatants, men, women, children, the sick, the wounded, the peaceful and the innocent, were sent to watery graves. This became a challenge to all mankind and a war against all nations. We could not, with honor, longer avoid the conflict, and in April the United States Congress declared that a state of war then existed between this nation and Germany.

The death was noted of M. W. Bro. Archibald William Campbell, who was Grand Master in 1905, and who died on the 1st of April, 1917. He was born in Ontario, but removed to Texas with his parents in 1872.

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of two new lodges.

The Grand Master had ruled that "a separate ballot is required in every case; that it is not permissible to pass more than one ballot box at the same time, or to ballot at the same time upon two respective candidates, either with one or more ballot boxes, but at all times there must be a separate and distinct ballot in the lodge upon each candidate from the beginning to its final completion and announcement.

When Masons of the State of Georgia proposed to erect a building at the military camp near Atlanta and to provide literature and comforts for soldiers, they were notified by the Secretary for War that only the Young Men's Christian Association and the Knights of Columbus were permitted to enjoy that privilege. This order created a good deal of discussion, in which officials of the Grand Lodge of Texas joined. They felt that such discrimination against the Masonic fraternity could not be allowed without protest, and earnest protest was made. In the end the order of the Secretary of War was modified as follows:

Camp commanders will be directed to permit the construction of buildings within the camp sites by any fraternal organization individually or group of organizations acting together; facilities of the camp for social and fellowship meetings will be extended, and accredited representatives of the various societies will be authorized to visit the camps and arrange for entertainment in the buildings thus erected or in nearby communities. It was agreed, however, that no initiations or secret meetings of any kind are to be carried on within the camps; that existing well-recognized societies

only should be accorded the recognition and that propaganda work among the soldiers in behalf of any new society be forbidden.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence authority was given the Grand Master "to grant dispensations for lodges in the army, to the number he may deem expedient, such lodges to automatically cease to exist when the present war closes, and the members shall then occupy the position of demitted Masons and be eligible to affiliate with any Texas lodge."

The Grand Lodge of France was recognized and exchange of representatives authorized.

M. W. Bro. John L. Terrell, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, began to write his report, but illness overtook him, and he was unable to finish it. Let us trust that his illness may not be serious nor prolonged. He tells us, however, that the next report will doubtless be by "younger and more vigorous hands." Bro. Terrell's retirement will be generally regretted.

Lodges in Texas 890; members 71,366, a gain for the year of 3,044.

John R. Arnold, Henderson, Grand Master.

W. B. Pearson, Waco, Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

The forty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah was opened at Salt Lake City January 15th, 1918. Charles Fred. Jennings Grand Master.

A telegraphic despatch was sent to the President of the United States pledging the Masons of Utah to "keep the fires of patriotism burning brightly in their ranks, with cordial support of such war policies as the Government shall dictate." In opening his address the Grand Master said: "I know to a certainty that the Masonic fraternity of Utah is willing and determined to answer the call in a way befitting us as men worthy of the proud title of Masons and Americans."

He had appointed a Grand Historian, and believed that the importance of the work to be done by that officer could not be exaggerated.

Harmony, he said, prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and conditions seemed to be satisfactory in every way.

After consultation with a number of Past Grand Masters he had decided not to grant dispensations for the formation of military lodges.

He was very proud of the manner in which the lodges and individual Masons had subscribed to patriotic funds and had bought war bonds.

He believed that every lodge in the state had the satisfaction of knowing that one or more of its members had responded to the call of the Government and entered the military service. He pointed out that it would be the duty of the craft to care for those of the soldiers who might return wounded or worn out, and in need of help. He said:

It may be that some, or many of our brothers may return to their homes wholly or partially incapacitated through sickness or injury, and as a consequence no longer qualified to earn a living in the manner to which they have heretofore been accustomed. Special arrangement will have to be made to take care of such cases, and no one knows how extensive may be the demands made upon us on this account. Nevertheless, however great the responsibility may become, we must prepare ourselves to respond to such demands in an adequate, satisfactory and conscientious manner.

Following that up Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:

That we cheerfully pledge our support to all such measures as the administration may deem necessary for the conservation of food, clothing, fuel and human energy, that all may be co-ordinated to the government needs, and we hereby call upon the entire membership of the Masonic fraternity to use their influence in their localities for the distribution of patriotic propaganda, and the inculcating of the necessity for thrift, economy and consecration, and especially do we urge this in communities where there are non-English-speaking colonies.

Utah Masons who are in France were given permission to fraternize with French Masons and visit their lodges; but the question of recognizing the Grand Lodge of France was referred to a com-

mittee with instructions to report at the next annual communication.

A full, and generally good, report on Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. S. H. Goodwin. Bro. Goodwin has had a bad attack of Anglophobia; but it is not likely to prove fatal.

Lodges in Utah 20; members 2,727, a gain for the year of 122.

Herbert R. Macmillan, Salt Lake City, Grand Master.

Freeman A. McCarthy, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA.

Four quarterly communications of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria were held during the year 1916. The printed proceedings are largely made up of accounts which are not of interest outside the jurisdiction.

At the March communication the Grand Master, the Hon. Charles Carty-Salmon was installed and the other officers invested.

The Grand Master had decided that candidates could be initiated only in the lodges in which they had been accepted, though they might be passed or raised by courtesy in other lodges.

In his address after installation the Grand Master said:

Our lodges have magnificently recognized their national duty, and our members are serving with distinction and patriotism on every field of imperial action. We know at least of 906 members of the craft from this territory on active service. Twenty-two have died in defence of all that we hold dear, and fourteen are still suffering from honorable wounds. To the war funds our lodges have subscribed £3,047, and Grand Lodge has donated £1,300, making a total of £4,347. £3,500 has been placed at the disposal of the government through the war loans, and our individual members have contributed largely to the various funds from time to time.

The Grand Treasurer reported that there were £50,000 in the several funds of Grand Lodge, of which £42,000 were at the credit of the benevolent fund.

In his final remarks the Grand Master said:

Before I close Grand Lodge, I wish to say a word or two with regard to the future. We have been buoyed up with hope that each quarterly communication and each New Year would see the coming of peace. Surely our hopes will not be disappointed during the coming year. Surely in His own good time will the Great Architect of the Universe bring about that peace which is so much desired. So far as we are concerned, we hope to have peace with honor and, above all, peace with certain security for the future. We have many of our brethren at the front. I do not know of any organization which has done as much as Freemasonry has done. Only last evening I attended the Australia Felix Lodge of Hiram, which has no fewer than 25 per cent. of its members serving at the front; but this is only typical of the fraternity throughout Australia. Increasingly heavy demands will be made upon us, and there is at the present time urgent need for greater economy, and it is only by individual sacrifice and personal economy that we can hope to meet these demands. As Freemasons we are looked upon as men of some substance, and it is generally agreed that we justify this by contributing what is expected of us, and it is up to us to show our proper appreciation of our further responsibilities. It is useless to look to the state or federal authorities alone to take steps to provide means to meet these added demands, so I would ask you to exercise in your homes and in your daily lives that economy which has proved during the present war one of the most potent factors in the success of our nation.

Lodges in Victoria 223; members 16,356.

Hon. C. Carty-Salmon, Melbourne, Grand Master.

G. J. Barrow, Melbourne, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The one hundred and fortieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was opened at Richmond February 12th, 1918. Ernest Lee Cunningham Grand Master.

At the annual communication in 1917 M. W. Bro. Henry Knox Field was elected Grand Master, but he died in July of the year named, and, under the law of Virginia the Deputy Grand Master became Grand Master.

In the opening of his address Bro. Cunningham said that the progress of Masonry in Virginia during the year had been onward and upward. Of the war he said:

The Prussian autocracy, in their mad scheme to conquer the world, did not stop at anything. The murder of innocent women, children and non-combatants, the outrages perpetrated upon the people of Belgium and France, were only part of their diabolical scheme to terrorise the whole world, so that neutral nations would not take up arms against them. Even while professing friendship for our country they were plotting to entangle us in war with other nations, and we now know that, even had peace been declared prior to the entry of our country into this great war, the military autocracy of the German Empire was only waiting for the proper moment to strike a blow at the republican institutions of this country.

And again he said:

It becomes our duty as Masons to fall in line behind the government in doing our part to make, as the President said, the world safe for democracy.

A special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to conduct the funeral of Grand Master Field.

The Grand Master had declined to grant a dispensation for the formation of a military lodge. He recalled the fact that, in 1864, Grand Master Harmon, who was in the Confederate army, had declined to issue such a dispensation, and he was more familiar with the needs of the soldiers than a civilian could be.

Bro. Cunningham had received a communication from the Grand Lodge of France, asking the Grand Lodge of Virginia to enter into official relations with that body. He did not recommend the granting or refusal of the request, but thought there should be some definite legislation upon this subject, and the members of Virginia lodges in France notified thereof.

In his concluding remarks the Grand Master said:

We must be just in our own dealings with our fellow-man. Greece, with her learning and her scholars, her wonderful temples and her literature, fell because justice was not in the land. The glory of Rome, with all its splendour and magnificence, with its military genius and its wealth, has sunk behind the hills because justice had no part in the national character. Napoleon with his splendid army, thinking only of his inordinate ambition to conquer the world, sweeping everything out of his way, sacrificing his friends, love for his household, lives of the men under him, and drenching the land with blood, failed and died in

exile because justice was unknown while he ruled as emperor. And the ruler of Germany, in his mad and wild scheme to impose upon the world the military autocracy of the German Empire, whether the people of France, Belgium and other countries desired it or not, has not hesitated to sacrifice the peace of the world, the lives of the German people, and to destroy civilization itself, to the end that the selfish dream of his ambition might be realized, failed to reckon with that attribute of national character, justice, and as the Grecian empire has faded away, the splendour of Rome and the conquest of the Caesars have sunk into oblivion, and the wonderful achievements of Napoleon are but a memory all gone and almost forgotten because they failed to include in their national character, justice. so will the military autocracy of the German Empire go down to defeat, because they have not practised justice in their dealings with their own people or the people of the world.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported against the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France.

Grand Lodge sustained the action of the Grand Master in declining to warrant military lodges.

The full and excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was again submitted by M. W. Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston. Bro. Eggleston said that formerly he had striven to keep the subject of the war out of his reports; but he added, "Now it is the one subject we are most interested in as men, our lives being at stake; and, above all, this is essentially a Masonic war."

Lodges in Virginia 328; members 27,246, a gain for the year of 1,119.

Ernest Lee Cunningham, Newport News, Grand Master.

Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

The sixtieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington was opened at Seattle June 12th, 1917. George R. Malcolm Grand Master.

No less than eighteen Past Grand Masters were present at the opening session. Under direction of the Grand Master all of them retired to

the ante-room, whence they returned bearing with them the flag of the United States and with it stood before the altar. The record tells us that "A mighty roar of applause greeted the flag as it entered the Grand Lodge."

An address of welcome from the Masons of Seattle was read, to which suitable response was made by the Junior Grand Warden.

The Grand Master reported the death of Past Grand Master Edward R. Hare, who occupied the Grand East in 1893 and 1894.

Dispensations had been granted during the year for the formation of four new lodges.

The Grand Master was of opinion that "it would not be for the best interests of the craft," to grant dispensations for the formation of army lodges; and the Committee on Jurisprudence failed to find in the constitution any authority to grant such dispensations.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the issue of identification cards, printed in English, French and German, to all members of the craft subject to the call to the front.

An application for fraternal recognition from the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama had been referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; but the committee had not been able to procure enough information to warrant the finding of a report, and recommended that the incoming committee deal with the matter.

A very brief report on the formation of the Grand Lodge of England two hundred years ago was read by Bro. William H. Gorham. Bro. Gorham said:

Out of that revival of 1717, through the spreading of its dominion by England's colonial policy of the 18th century, from a common race, with an identity of language history and spirit, has come the brotherhood of English-speaking Masons as it exists today, in both hemispheres, and north and south of the equator, a brotherhood that is unique in the fraternal world and which could not exist between Masons of different tongues, a fellowship which, as entertained by English Freemasons towards their brethren of the United States, many years ago found a particu-

larly delicate form of expression when they placed on the wall of the grand stairway leading to the hall of the United Grand Lodge of England a full length portrait in Masonic regalia of Brother General George Washington.

On report of the Committee on Jurisprudence the Grand Master was authorized to send to President Wilson a pledge of allegiance as follows:

That we, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Washington, in annual communication assembled, pledge the government of the United States our unswerving support and to our country our best efforts, our fortunes and our lives, to the end that victory may crown our arms and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

M. W. Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which is a very good one. Bro. McAllaster abandoned the topical method of dealing with proceedings, and returned to the old method of dealing with jurisdictions; but he said that "no promises are made for the coming year." Dealing with Canada he said: "Two hundred and five pages of the proceedings are given to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and they are well spent. In these reports the condition of nearly every lodge in the jurisdiction is laid before Grand Lodge through the eye of an outside observer."

Lodges in Washington 209, including 6 under dispensation; members 22,573, a gain for the year of 575.

George Lawler, Tacoma, Grand Master.

Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia was held at Kalgoorlie July 27th, 1916. The Most Reverend C. O. L. Riley Grand Master.

In calling attention to the large number of Masons among the soldiers of the empire from Western Australia, the Grand Master suggested that the question of erecting a suitable memorial to them might well be deferred till the return of peace.

Speaking of benevolence he called attention to the three great charitable institutions of the Grand Lodge of England: the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the girls' home and the boys' home, for which the voluntary contributions annually exceeded £110,000, or between \$500,000 and \$600,000. Seven hundred boys, he said, were being educated at the boys' school, and considerably more than 300 graduates of the school were then serving at the front. Recently 56 boys whose fathers had fallen on the field of battle had been admitted to the school.

Bro. Riley is not only an Archbishop and a Grand Master, but he is Chaplain-General of the Australian commonwealth forces, and his duties required him to go to France to look after work there. On his voyage the ship which carried him was torpedoed by the Huns. When he returned, the brethren naturally were interested in his adventures, but all he would say was "I certainly know now what it is to be 'a poor and distressed brother by sea.' "

A quarterly communication was held at Perth October 26th, 1916, the Deputy Grand Master in the east.

A message to the king was authorized assuring him of the unswerving loyalty of Western Australia Masons and their determination to make every effort to secure final victory for throne and empire. It was stated that more than 400 brethren were then in active service. That was about ten per cent. of the total membership.

A quarterly communication was held at Perth January 25th, 1917, the Deputy Grand Master in the east.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

A sum of £100 was voted to the Western Australia patriotic fund.

A quarterly communication was held at Perth April 26th, 1917, with the Grand Master again in the east.

An appeal to the craft throughout the jurisdiction had netted the sum of £264, which had been handed over to the treasurer of the fund.

The Grand Master said:

In the year 1900 our Grand Lodge commenced its career with a membership of 2,000, comprised in 33 lodges. Today there are 97 lodges on the roll, with a membership of 4,131, showing an increase for the year of 23. It is very satisfactory to know that after nearly three years of war our membership has actually increased.

The several funds of Grand Lodge aggregated £36,134, or about \$180,000.

The representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was unable to be present at the communication, as he was serving on the firing line in France.

Sir William Ellison-Macartney, Governor of the state, and Past Grand Master of Tasmania, was among the distinguished visitors.

R. W. Bro. F. A. McMullen wrote that part of the report on Foreign Correspondence dealing with Canada.

Lodges in Western Australia 97; members 4,108, a gain for the year of 23.

Most Reverend C. O. L. Riley, Perth, Grand Master.

J. D. Stevenson, Freemasons' Hall, Perth, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The fifty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was opened at Parkersburg November 14th, 1917. Charles E. Carri-gan Grand Master.

Of the condition of Masonry in the jurisdiction the Grand Master said:

It is a pleasant duty to report that during the year just coming to a close, peace, harmony and prosperity have prevailed in every section of this grand jurisdiction. When the final returns have been made known, you will agree that most of the subordinate lodges have been too busy to do anything but work. It is encouraging to know that with

all our prosperity, yet the standard has not been lowered, and the ideals that have given Freemasonry a distinctive place in the fraternal world are being treasured and maintained.

He reported the loss by death of two Past Grand Masters—Bro. John M. Hamilton, who was Grand Master in 1890-91; and Bro. Wyndham Stokes, who was Grand Master in 1910.

He had granted a large number of dispensations to confer degrees in less than the constitutional time, the candidates being brethren who had entered the military service of the United States.

Among his rulings was the following, in which he was undoubtedly right:

A lodge furniture manufacturer makes an altar light for Masonic rooms. Said light being on one pedestal having a triangular top fourteen (14) inches wide, and having a light at each angle. Can such an arrangement of lights be used in West Virginia?

Held: Under the teachings of Masonry in this jurisdiction the "lights" are placed in the south, west and east, none in the north. The arrangement of the pedestal described in the inquiry is a single pedestal having a triangular top and bearing a light at each angle. Such a pedestal could only be placed at a convenient position near the altar, but it would be impossible to place it in such a position as to have the "lights" as we are taught to locate them. For that reason such an arrangement of the "lights" could not be used in West Virginia.

A candidate in a West Virginia lodge had materially misrepresented his age, declaring himself to be more than twenty-one years old, when in fact he was less than twenty, was accepted and received the three degrees. When the facts became known, the Grand Master declared him to have been irregularly made a Mason, and ordered that Masons within the jurisdiction should have no Masonic intercourse with him.

The Grand Master recommended that Grand Lodge remit to each subordinate lodge the annual Grand Lodge tax chargeable to each brother in the military service of the country so long as he shall remain in such service. Grand Lodge accepted the suggestion.

A special committee recommended the erection and endowment of a Masonic home. It was re-

ported that a sum of \$67,000 was in hand, "which forms the nucleus of a fund with which to secure a site and commence construction." The report was adopted, and the establishment of the home will be attempted.

M. W. Bro. G. W. Atkinson submitted his twenty-sixth annual report on Foreign Correspondence, which was comprehensive and well written. Bro. Atkinson says that he belongs to three secret societies—the Freemasons, the Methodist Church and the Republican party. He says that we gave him an unearned alias by calling him George W. Anderson, and correctly blames the proofreader for the error. Probably when the proofreader got George Washington all right he thought the rest of the name didn't matter much; but there he was wrong, for the Atkinson part of it matters a good deal. Of the treaty between the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Panama he said:

As I now see it, there are two principal objections which may be interposed to this treaty: First, American grand bodies will be compelled to recognize as legitimate the Scottish Rite Orients of Central and South America; and second, if the treaty is ratified, we will have two grand lodges occupying the same territory—a wheel within a wheel so to speak, which is not allowable by Masonic law or usage.

Lodges in West Virginia 151; members 20,711, a gain for the year of 1,012.

Charles S. Angel, North Fork, Grand Master.

John M. Collins, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The seventy-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was opened at Milwaukee June 12th, 1917. Cyrus S. Stockwell Grand Master.

In his opening address the Grand Master spoke with no uncertain voice respecting the war, though apparently he felt that many in Wisconsin do not utterly hate Prussian methods. He said:

Into this seething, boiling maelstrom our own country has been forced, and we are now a part of the titanic struggle. It is now too late for discussing the causes which

drew us into the war. The time has come for action, not criticism. Our country needs the support of every citizen and we, as members of this great fraternity, should not fail to come to its assistance with all our resources, moral, financial and physical. Let us forget that we are partisans of any party. In fact, forget that we have a political creed, and remember only this, that the allegiance which we owe to our country is second only to that which we owe to our God, and that the eyes of the world are upon us.

A dispensation had been granted for the formation of one new lodge.

Referring to the two hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. Stockwell said: "Today every legitimate lodge of Masons in the world traces its lineage back to the Grand Lodge of England, which was organized on that June day in 1717." There our brother has fallen into error. There are hundreds of lodges scattered over the surface of the habitable globe warranted by the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, which did not trace their lineage back to the Grand Lodge of England. Not only so, but the oldest lodge on the register of the Grand Lodge of England itself does not trace its lineage back to the Grand Lodge which it assisted to form, but exists to this day by immemorial right, and never had a warrant or charter from any Grand Lodge whatever.

For the past fifteen years there has been much activity among Wisconsin lodges in building halls, and "approximately forty-five per cent. of the lodges in the state are holding their meetings in their own buildings."

An interesting occurrence of the communication was that of the retirement of the Grand Master to the ante-room and his subsequent return, accompanied by his son and grandson, the last in the uniform of a soldier of the United States.

Among the deaths in the jurisdiction was that of R. W. Bro. Cornelius M. Treat, who was in the one hundredth year of his age.

M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks submitted his twentieth report on Foreign Correspondence. Bro. Jenks thinks he has been longer in continuous service as correspondent than any other, though Bros.

Miller, of Kansas, and Atkinson, of West Virginia, were in the field before him; but temporarily quit the recording of Masonic history to assist as Grand Masters in making it. Well, we sincerely trust that Bro. Jenks has still before him many years of useful work.

Lodges in Wisconsin 280; number of members at the end of 1916 33,299, a gain for the year of 1,432.

Willard S. Griswold, Waukesha, Grand Master.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

The forty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was opened at Cheyenne September 12th, 1917. Herbert J. King Grand Master.

Immediately after the opening the flag of the United States was brought in and displayed before the altar, while the brethren rose and sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

On behalf of the local brethren W. Bro. Repath welcomed the members of Grand Lodge to the city.

In opening his address the Grand Master said:

Our country is throbbing with the anxieties and sorrows of an impending war. The nation is looking with anxious forebodings toward the sacrifice which is coming closer and closer to the hearts of all our people. There is not a Masonic lodge in our land where the call to the colors has not already met with willing and whole-souled response. Our members have written their names in the register of the national service book, declaring themselves ready to go when they are needed.

Bro. King was sorry to say that Wyoming was not in a position to have a paid Grand Lecturer, and he felt it to be his duty to visit the lodges throughout the jurisdiction. It was not easy work doing that. In fact he did not complete the visits he had intended to make. In one case he learned that a journey of two days from the nearest railway station would be necessary to take him to a lodge, and he reluctantly decided that he could not undertake the journey.

He had issued a circular ordering each lodge in the jurisdiction to procure a flag of the United States and to display it in the lodge room.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that a document from the Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands had been received protesting against recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands; but that the Regional Grand Lodge was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Spain, a body not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, and the committee recommended that the protest be disregarded.

On the recommendation of the Grand Master, approved by the Committee on Finance, a grant of one thousand dollars was made to the Red Cross Society.

Chain letters were declared to be unmasonic, and brethren were recommended to disregard them.

In cases where subordinate lodges remit the dues of their members who have enlisted Grand Lodge will remit the dues payable by the lodge on account of those brethren.

The excellent report on Fraternal Correspondence was submitted by R. W. Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, the Grand Secretary.

Lodges in Wyoming 34; members 3,701, a gain for the year of 183.

T. Blake Kennedy, Cheyenne, Grand Master.

Joseph M. Lowndes, Lander, Grand Secretary.

The above includes review of all proceedings received up to the time at which it is necessary to send the last copy to the printer.

Fraternally submitted,

A. T. FREED,

Chairman.

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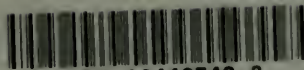
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